Seventh Annual Meeting

Crowley, Louisiana

Feb. 26-Mar. 1, 1917

Woman's Missionary Society

Louisiana Conference

Methodist Episcopal Church, South

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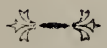

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HISTORICAL DATA

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference was organized in Baton Rouge in 1878. Mrs. W. M. Reade of that city was elected President. There were probably no annual meetings held, Mrs. Reade having charge of the work until 1884, when the Society was re-organized. From that time we have the following record:

President.	Place.	Year.
Mrs. W. M. Reade, Baton Rouge	Mansfield	1884
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport	Minden	1885
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport	Mansfield	1886
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport	Ruston	1887
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport	Alexandria	1888
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport	Delhi	1889
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport	Baton Rouge	1890
No record of meeting in		1891
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport	Keatchie	1892
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport	Grand Cane	1893
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport	Lecompte	1894
Name changed to Woman's Foreign Missionary Society		1894
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport	Crowley	1895
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport	Mansfield	1896
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Shreveport	Homer	1897
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans	Opelousas	1898
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans	Minden	1899
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans	Shreveport	1900
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans	Monroe	1901
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans	Rayne Memorial, N. O.	1902
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans	Bunkie	1903
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans	Opelousas	1904
Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, New Orleans	Ruston	1905
Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans	Alexandria	1906
Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans	Lake Charles	1907
Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans	Shreveport	1908
Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans	Monroe	1909
Mrs. W. W. Carré, New Orleans	Alexandria	1910
Woman's Foreign Missionary and Home Mission Societies united, forming the Woman's Missionary Society in		1911

HISTORICAL DATA

In 1891 the "Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society" was organized in New Orleans with Mrs. F. A. Lyons as President. In 1898 the word Parsonage was dropped, leaving it the Woman's Home Mission Society. The first annual meeting was held in 1893:

President.	Place.	Year.
Mrs. F. A. Lyons	Felicity Church, N. O.	1893
Mrs. F. A. Lyons	La. Ave. Church, N. O.	1894
Mrs. F. A. Lyons	New Iberia	1895
Mrs. F. A. Lyons	Ruston	1896
Mrs. F. A. Lyons	New Orleans	1897
Mrs. F. A. Lyons	Lafayette	1898
Mrs. F. A. Lyons	Alexandria	1899
Mrs. F. A. Lyons	Shreveport	1900
Mrs. F. A. Lyons	Ruston	1901
Mrs. F. A. Lyons	Mer Rouge	1902
Mrs. F. A. Lyons	Crowley	1903
Mrs. F. A. Lyons	Alexandria	1904
Mrs. F. A. Lyons	Shreveport	1905
Mrs. F. A. Lyons	Baton Rouge	1906
Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette	Lafayette	1907
Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette	Minden	1908
Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette	Mansfield	1909
Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette	New Orleans	1910
Societies united, forming Woman's Missionary Society		1911
Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette	Monroe	1911
Mrs. Abel Bliss, Shreveport	Natchitoches	1912
Mrs. Abel Bliss, Shreveport	Baton Rouge	1913
Mrs. Abel Bliss, Shreveport	Rayville	1914
Mrs. Abel Bliss, Shreveport	New Orleans	1915
Mrs. Abel Bliss, Shreveport	Ruston	1916
Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans	Crowley	1917

INFORMATION

WHAT YOU NEED	WHERE TO GET IT
I. Junior and Baby Division—	
Leaflets, report blanks, membership certificates, organization blanks, year book, pledge cards, Standard of Excellence	Mrs. R. H. Harper, 734 Nashville Ave., New Orleans, La.
Pins (15c), pennant (25c), Catechism (5c), curios, mite boxes, year books (25c per dozen).....	Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.
Young Christian Worker (25c)....	"Young Christian Worker," 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.
Mission Study Books—	
"Children of the Lighthouse," by White (30c)	Smith & Lamar, Dallas, Texas.
"Soldiers of the Prince," by Jefferson (30c)	or
"African Adventures," by Mackenzie (30c)	Smith & Lamar, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.
Helps for each (10c each) ..... (order by name)	
II. Young People—	
Leaflets, report blanks, year book, pledge cards, Standard of Excellence, organization blanks	Mrs W. T. Cunningham, Natchitoches, La.
Pins (25c), pennant (25c), year books (25c per dozen)	Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.
Young Christian Worker (25c)....	"Young Christian Worker," 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.
Mission Study Books—	
"Makers of South America," by Daniels (40c)	Smith & Lamar, Dallas, Texas, or
"Comrades in Service," by Burton (40c)	Smith & Lamar, 810 Broadway,
Helps for each (10c).....	Nashville, Tenn.

WHAT YOU NEED	WHERE TO GET IT
III. Adult—	
Bulletin, Minutes (5c), Helps (each Adult Auxiliary is entitled to two copies and each Young People's and Children's Auxiliary to one copy of Helps), Reports of Mission and Bible study classes, auxiliary news for woman's page of N O. Advocate...	Mrs. Wiltz Ledbetter, 1134 Dalzell St., Shreveport, La.
Monthly Leaflet, Standard of Excellence	Your District Secretary.
Social Service Leaflets	Mrs E. R. Kennedy, Lafayette, La.
Mission Study Books— "An African Trail," by Mackenkenzie (30c) ..... "South American Neighbors," by Stuntz (37c) ..... "World Missions and World Peace," by Mason (37c) ..... "The South To-Day," by Moore (40c) ..... "Old Spain in New America," by McLean (40c) ..... Helps for each (10c).....	Smith & Lamar, Dallas, Texas, or Smith & Lamar, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.
Record and Report Books— for Corresponding Secretary (25c) for Treasurer (25c) ..... Council Minutes (15c) ..... Helps for Missionary Societies (50c per dozen) ..... Year Books, Adult 35c per dozen.. Year Books, Y. P. and Junior, 25c per dozen ..... Pledge cards, leaflets, etc., listed in Catalogue of W. M. C.	Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.
Missionary Voice (50c)	"Missionary Voice," 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn
Boxes—What to send	Mrs. H. L. Baker, Plattenville, La.

Where? To St. Mark's Hall, 908 Esplanade Ave., New Orleans, La.
Mary Werlein Mission, 1026 Tchoupitoulas, New Orleans.
French Mission, Houma, La.
Scarritt Bible and Training School, Norledge and Askew Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

(Ask for express rates to Mission points.).

OUR GOAL FOR 1917.

Organize 7 new societies in each of 7 Districts.

Unite to pray and work for 100 new members in each of 7 Districts.

Remember to form 7 new Mission Study Classes in each of 7 Districts.

Get your Pledge paid in full by Harvest Day, December 1.

Observe the Week of Prayer in 75% of Auxiliaries in each of 7 Districts.

Auxiliaries doing definite School Service Work in each of Districts.

Let Seven boxes be sent from each of 7 Districts.

$5,450 OUR CONFERENCE PLEDGE FOR 1917.

$500 { Junior Division { Work among mines. / Soochow work. } / Baby Division { Holding Institute. / Foreign Kindergartens }

$200, Young People { Japan Mission. / Japanese work on Pacific Coast.

$4,750, Adult { Miss Helen Johnson ---------- Brazil. / Miss Annie Bell Williams------Japan.

Balance is undirected, so that Council may use for enlargement of present work—Home and Foreign.

Total Conference Budget for 1917, $15,000.

"We can do it" if we will pay by the quarter and pay all funds in full by Harvest Day, December 1st.

Adult Auxiliaries on 1916 Honor Roll.

Alexandria District	Alexandria
Ruston District	Ruston
Shreveport District	First Church, Mansfield

Districts Paying Pledge in Full.

	Pledged.	Amount Paid.
Alexandria District	$475.00	$476.41
Lafayette District	475.00	512.62
Monroe District	300.00	330.01
New Orleans District	610.00	679.96
Ruston District	550.00	621.92
Shreveport District	1800.00	1972.19

INTRODUCTORY

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference, Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, was held in Crowley, the home of our beloved Conference Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. P. Holt. Even though the meeting was in February, the green trees, bright flowers and balmy weather told us that Spring had already come to this beautiful city. Gracious and cordial is the hospitality of the people of Crowley. The chairman of the entertainment committee, Mrs. M. L. Hoffpauir, was untiring in her efforts to make the guests comfortable. The homes of the people of all denominations were wide open; their cars were at our disposal.

The pastor, Rev. R. W. Tucker, was an interested listener at all the business meetings. The women of the Missionary Society know his attitude to be that of sympathy and helpfulness in their work.

A number of pastors were appreciated guests. Rev. N. E. Joyner, of Lake Charles, Conference Missionary Secretary, made the opening address. Mr. Joyner has experiences worth telling and his addresses never fail to interest.

Mr. J. A. Stockwell, of Wembo-Niami, Africa, gave his impressive stereopticon lecture on Africa. The pictures were taken by him and are actual photographs from the mission field in which he labors. These pictures are mute appeals to our people of Christian America. "Ethiopia shall stretch out her hands to God."

The most excellent music of the choir added much to the programs. The attendance was unusually large, there being about 115 delegates and visitors present. The new president presided most gracefully, carrying the program through on schedule time and in a most business-like manner.

Deaconesses Gibson, Gatewood, and Walker, consecrated, capable and always ready to serve, rendered valuable assistance on committees, public programs and devotional exercises.

Deaconess Mary Dezendorf, of the M. E. Church, Detroit,

Mich., a guest of the Natchitoches Auxiliary, seemed not a stranger but our very own, so willingly did she serve when called upon, and so sweet and consecrated is her spirit.

The bright, attractive little missionary from China, Miss Janie Watkins, brought a message from her field in the Orient. Her face shows the joy she feels in her work.

The presence of Mrs. Bessie Lipscomb, our beloved Home Base Secretary, is always an inspiration. Her life is so closely in touch with the Master and her love for others so intense that she seems to lead those who hear her to the very feet of the Master as she gives the messages from the Word of God.

A spirit of thanksgiving pervaded the meeting that our long-pursued goal had at last been reached. The Conference pledge was overpaid, and every line of work showed an increase in interest and figures. The standard was again raised, and the women go forth to greater and better things.

An item of considerable importance was the approaching Council Meeting in New Orleans, April 12-20. This is indeed an opportunity of a lifetime, and no doubt each District will avail itself of the privilege of attending.

The Seventh Annual Meeting was indeed a season of spiritual uplift and refreshing. We go back to our fields, our homes and our auxiliaries with new determination to be more faithful, more earnest, and more loving than ever before.

OFFICIAL MINUTES

MONDAY EVENING.

The opening session of the Seventh Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference, Woman's Missionary Society, was held Monday Evening, February 26, 1917, in the First Methodist Church, Crowley, La. Rev. R. W. Tucker, pastor of the church, led the devotional service of Scripture reading and prayer. The choir rendered a beautiful anthem. After the Conference Hymn, No. 339, was sung, the Sacrament of Holy Communion was administered by Rev. C. E. Fike, Rev. H. N. Brown, Rev. R. W. Tucker, and Rev. N. E. Joyner.

Rev. N. E. Joyner, of Lake Charles, made the address of the evening—a thrilling account of his experiences as a missionary in Mexico. After the announcements and invitations, Mr. Joyner pronounced the benediction in Spanish.

TUESDAY MORNING.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. C. F. Niebergall. Mrs. W. M. Buchanan, District Secretary of the Lafayette District, conducted the devotional service. After the song, "He Leadeth Me," Mrs. Buchanan read the fourth chapter of John and spoke impressively of LOVE, the greatest thing in the universe, the love of God, the love we owe. After praying the Father's guidance the business of the day was brought to consideration. The Committee on Credentials made the following report:

DELEGATES AND VISITORS ENROLLED AT ANNUAL MEETING, 1917.

Woman's Missionary Council—Mrs. Bessie W. Lipscomb,
Home Base Secretary, Nashville, Tenn.

Missionaries and Deaconesses—

Miss Jamie Watkins .....Soochow, China

Mr. J. V. Stockwell .....Wembo-Niami, Africa
Deaconess Helen Gibson.....St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans
Mrs. Emily W. Herr.....Mary Werlein Mission, New Orleans
Deaconess Kate Walker .....French Mission, Houma
Deaconess Grace Gatewood .....First Church, Shreveport
Deaconess Mary Dezendorf .....Detroit, Mich.
Rev. Martin Hebert, Supt. French Mission Work.....Houma
Rev. N. E. Joyner, Conference Missionary Secretary,
Lake Charles

Conference Officers—

Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, New Orleans.....President
Mrs. W. T Cunningham, Natchitoches.....First Vice President
Mrs. R. H. Harper, New Orleans.....Second Vice President
Mrs. A. P. Holt, Crowley .....Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. J. J. Holmes, Minden .....Treasurer
Mrs. R. E. Bobbitt, Mansfield .....Recording Secretary
Mrs. E. R Kennedy, Lafayette..Superintendent of Social Service

District Secretaries—

Alexandria District—Mrs. R. W. Winstead.....Natchitoches
Baton Rouge District—Mrs. J. E. Walter.....Baton Rouge
Lafayette District—Mrs. W. M. Buchanan.....Lake Arthur
New Orleans District—Mrs. I. N. Niebergall.....New Orleans

Visiting Pastors— Rev. C. D. Atkinson, P. E. Shreveport District, Shreveport; Rev. H. W. May, P. E. Lafayette District, Lafayette; Rev. Wm. Schuhle, Lafayette; Rev. C. E. Fike, Rayne: Rev. Lastie Hoffpauir, Texas Avenue, Shreveport; Rev. H. N. Brown, New Iberia; Rev. I. T. Beck, Morgan City; Rev. A. A. Bernard, Eunice; Rev. G. A. Morgan, Houma; Rev. G. D. Anders, Indian Bayou; Rev. C. Higginbotham, West Lake; Rev. Louis Hoffpauir, Sulphur; Rev. J. H. Hoffpauir, Gueydan.

Delegates and Visitors.

Alexandria District—Alexandria: Mrs. W. D. Haas, Mrs. Poole Robison, Mrs. Baxter Robison, Mrs. C. B. Carter. Bunkie: Mrs. C. M. Munholland. Carson: Mrs. S. L. Riggs, Miss Annie Nave. Glenmora: Mrs. T. Oliver. Jena: Mrs. T. J. Drewett, Mrs. L. R. Neill. Lecompte: Mrs. Anna Cox Lyon. Merry-

ville: Mrs. C. L. Beardsley. Natchitoches: Adult, Mrs. J. W. Jones; Young People, Miss Loreen Hargrove.

Baton Rouge District—Baton Rouge: Mrs. M. R. Goodale, Mrs. Shelby Taylor.

Monroe District—Monroe: Mrs. J. B. Neely, Mrs. F. C. Bennett. Winnsboro: Mrs. J. S. Gilbert.

New Orleans District—First Church: Mrs. John Lisbony. Rayne Memorial: Adult, Mrs. Fleet Coleman; Young People, Miss Alice Woods.

Ruston District—Minden: Mrs. Chas. Roberts. Ruston: Mrs. Robert Vaughan.

Shreveport District—First Church, Shreveport: Adult, Miss Grace Gatewood; Young People, Miss Charlie Booth. Leesville: Mrs. E. Booker. Mansfield: Adult, Mrs. Elma Drew; Young People, Miss Lannie Taliaferro. Naborton: Miss Vivian Fugue. Noel Memorial: Mrs. C. D. Atkinson.

Lafayette District—Branch: Mrs. C. Bruner, Mrs. J. Bruner. Crowley: Mrs. M. L. Hoffpauir, Mrs. C. F. Matthews, Mrs. W. H. Moore. Crowley Young People: Miss Ruth Mims; Crowley Junior: Richard Brooks. Estherwood: Mrs. Wm. Hoyt. Franklin: Mrs. D. N. Foster, Mrs. H. N. Harrison. Houma: Mrs. J. H. Pullen, Mrs. T. S. Adams. Iota: Mrs. William Crabtree. Lafayette Adult: Mrs. Wm. Schuhle, Mrs. L. W. McLaren, Mrs. R. E. Goode. Lafayette Young People: Miss Helen Taylor, Miss Morgan. Lake Arthur: Mrs. J. E. Ney. Lake Charles: Mrs. U. A. Bell. Morgan City: Mrs. John Pharr. New Iberia: Mrs. H. N. Brown, Miss Minnie Barth. Opelousas: Miss Florence Phillips. Sulphur: Mrs. J. A. Simmons, Mrs. Louis Hoffpauir. Rayne Young People: Miss Bessie Chevis: Rayne Junior: Averil Wynn. Rayne: Mrs. C. E. Fike, Mrs. Feriol Richard, Mrs. C. C. Carver, Mrs. Luther Harkins, Mrs. R. C. Webb, Mrs. Dan Daboval, Mrs. Joe Wynn, Mrs. W. F. Johnston, Miss Nellie Cunningham, Mrs. Marvin Cunningham, Mrs. R. C Holt, Mrs. W. C. Chevis, Mrs. Bennett Irion, Mrs. Ernest Levy, Mrs. John Hunter, Miss Mabel Kennedy, Miss Bertha Kennedy, Miss Fannie Smith, Miss Florence Smith, Miss Willie Chevis, Miss Maud Johnson, Roy Smith.

Ad Interim Minutes of Executive Committee meetings were read and accepted:

October 11, 1916.

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference, Woman's Missionary Society, met at Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport, La., at 2:30 p.m. Those present were Mmes. Holt, Cunningham, Niebergall, Ledbetter, Holmes, Johnson, Miller and Bobbitt. Mrs. Cunningham read the 91st Psalm, and Mrs. Holt led in prayer. With the Conference First Vice President in the chair, the Committee proceeded to business. Mrs. Bliss' letter of resignation was read. The Secretary was instructed to write to Mrs. Bliss a letter of appreciation for the faithful, loving work she had done for the past four years as Conference President. The matter of electing a new President, therefore, came up for consideration. Mrs. Holmes nominated Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, of New Orleans. Mrs. Ledbetter seconded this nomination. Mrs. Niebergall, being District Secretary of the New Orleans District, tendered her resignation of this office. She was unanimously chosen President. The new President in the chair, the question of a District Secretary for the New Orleans District was considered. Mrs. I. N. Niebergall, of New Orleans, was unanimously chosen. The subject of the Annual Meeting was brought before the Committee. The time and place decided upon were February 27, 28, March 1, at Crowley. The presence of Mrs. Bessie Lipscomb is desired as Council helper. Mrs. Herr, of Mary Werlein Mission, and Deaconess Gibson, of St. Mark's Hall, are also to be invited. In the plans for reports it was suggested that the District Secretaries bring out at the Annual Meeting the special lines of work stressed during the year: Organization and Membership, Financial Increase, Harvest Day, Week of Prayer, Prayer Circles, and District Meetings. A plan for institutes on the work for the information of Auxiliaries was considered. It was decided to devote half an hour each day to committee work and half an hour to such an institute. The complex duties of Conference Superintendent of Publicity were discussed. A motion prevailed that each District Secretary appoint from her district an assistant to the Conference Superintendent of Study and Publicity to promote interest in Mission Study and Bible Study; to urge all auxiliaries to make full reports to the Conference Superintendent and to present the matter at the District Meeting. Such assistant to serve until the Annual Meeting.

February 26, 1917.

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society met in the parlors of the Methodist Church at Crowley at 7 p.m., Monday, February 26, 1917, Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, President, in the chair, who led the devotional service. She gave as the Bible verse, "They brought unto Him gifts,"—praying that the women of the Louisiana Conference might give themselves and their best to the King. The several committees for the session were chosen.

MRS. R. E. BOBBITT,
Recording Secretary.

The Secretary read the names of Committees, as follows:

SESSION COMMITTEES.

Finance—Mrs. J. J. Holmes, Mrs. Louis Hoffpauir, Mrs. C. E. Fike, Mrs. W. D. Haas, Mrs. A. C. Lyon, Mrs. J. S. Gilbert, Mrs. R. C. Webb.

Young People's Work— Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, Mrs. Wm. Schuhle, Mrs. Fleet Coleman, Mrs. T. J. Drewett, Miss Annie Nave, Mrs. J. F. Ney, Mrs. R. W. Vaughan, Mrs. J. B. Neely, Mrs. F. B. Neely, Mrs. T. S. Adams, Mrs. J. M. Lyons, Miss Alice Wood, Miss Loreen Hargrove, Miss Charlie Booth, Miss Lannie Taliaferro.

Children's Work—Mrs. R. H. Harper, Mrs. P. L. Lawrence, Mrs. John Lisbony, Mrs. J. P. Wickoff, Mrs. Chas. Bruner, Mrs. Elma Drew, Mrs. Harkins, Miss Minnie Barth, Miss Florence Phillips, Miss Vivian Fuque, Mrs. E. Booker.

Supplies—Mrs. C. B. Carter, Mrs. C. M. Roberts, Mrs. C. M. Munholland, Mrs. H. N. Harrison, Mrs. Johnston.

Study and Publicity—Miss Grace Gatewood, Mrs. L. W. McLauren, Mrs. C. E. Beardsley, Mrs. C. E. Fike, Mrs. S. L. Riggs, Mrs. Shelby Taylor, Mrs. C. F. Matthews, Mrs. A. C. Simmons.

Social Service—Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Mrs. M. R. Goodale, Mrs. Poole Robison, Mrs. M. L. Hoffpauir, Mrs. D. N. Foster, Miss Nellie Cunningham, Deaconess Helen Gibson.

Extension of Work and Standing Rules—Mrs. A. P. Holt, Mrs. U. A. Bell, Mrs. E. Booker, Mrs. J. W. Jones, Mrs. L. R. Neill, Mrs. J. B. Pullen, Mrs. R. C. Holt, Mrs. John Pharr, Mrs. H. N. Brown, Mrs. Wm. Crabtree, Mrs. W. M. Buchanan, Mrs. R. W. Winstead, Mrs. I. N. Niebergall, Mrs. J. E. Walter, Mrs. W. H. Moore.

Credentials—Mrs. M. L. Hoffpauir, Mrs. Shelby Taylor, Mrs. A. F. Horne, Mrs. Wm. Egan.

Platform Courtesies—Mrs. Fleet Coleman, Mrs. B. M. Lambert, Mrs. W. H. Moore, Mrs. R. C. Holt.

Nominations—Mrs. W. D. Haas, Mrs. F. B. Neely, Mrs. Elma Drew, Mrs. M. R. Goodale, Mrs. U. A. Bell, Mrs. Fleet Coleman, Mrs. R. W. Vaughan.

Resolutions—Miss Grace Gatewood, Mrs. M. R. Goodale, Mrs. H. N. Brown.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Harvest Day—Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, Mrs. R. W. Winstead, Mrs. G. Hyams, Mrs. J. W. Jones.

Institutions—Mrs. A. P. Holt, Mrs. D. B. Carre, Mrs. John Pharr.

A letter of greeting was read from Mrs. Bliss, former President. The Secretary was instructed to send a telegram, expressing appreciation and love, to Mrs. Bliss.

The Conference listened attentively to the President's inspiring message and at its close the entire body rose to express their thanks for the splendid work done by Mrs. Niebergall in her few months as President.

Report of First Vice President was read and accepted.

Report of Second Vice President was read and accepted.

Report of Corresponding Secretary was read and accepted. The body rose to express to Mrs. Holt their appreciation for her faithful, valuable services as Conference Corresponding Secretary.

Report of Treasurer was read and accepted. With thankful hearts the body learned that the total receipts for 1916 exceeded those of 1915 by $1926.25, and that the Conference pledge was overpaid by $293.43.

The Committee on Platform Courtesies brought forward Rev. Thomas Beck, Rev. G. A. Morgan, Rev. J. F. Wynn, Rev. Mr. Wynne of Central M. E. Church, Rev. Mr. Robedoux, Rev. H. N. Brown, and Deaconesses Gatewood and Walker, who were introduced to the body.

The Bible half-hour was conducted by Deaconess Mary Dezendorf of Detroit. She read the first nine verses of the Book of Joshua, commenting on the words, "Be thou strong and very courageous," showing the need of strength for the trials of life and the source of all strength.

Meeting adjourned until 2 p. m.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional service was led by Deaconess Grace Gatewood.

After the Hymn, "I love to tell the story," was sung, Miss Gatewood read the beautiful story of Jesus and the Woman of Samaria, and prayed that the women in the company present might hear the Savior speak and take of the living water.

The following Annual Reports were read and accepted: Superintendent of Social Service, Superintendent of Study and Publicity, Superintendent of Supplies.

The Secretary read a letter from Miss Haskin relative to the Council Daily. A Committee solicited subscriptions for same. Each District Secretary was asked to assume the responsibility for twenty copies in her district. After the Hymn, "Love Divine," Miss Gatewood ably and impressively discussed the subject, "The Missionary Society as an Evangelistic Agency."

Mrs. R. H. Harper conducted a most helpful institute on Children's work. Mrs. Harper is the enthusiastic and capable Conference Second Vice President.

Solicitations for subscriptions to the Young Christian Worker resulted in ninety-one subscriptions. Meeting adjourned.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Devotional Service, Mrs. E. R. Kennedy.
Music by Choir.
"The French Mission Field," Miss Kate Walker.
Conference Hymn, No. 339.
"China," Miss Janie Watkins.
Benediction.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Devotional Service was led by Mrs. R. W. Vaughan. The Hymn, "Jesus is all the World to Me," was sung, and Mrs. Vaughan read the parable of the Virgins praying that while opportunity is offered preparation may be made for the Master's coming.

Minutes of Executive Committee and of previous meetings were read and approved.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

February 27, 1917.

After devotional service, the question of literature was brought before the Committee. The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Lipscomb, Home Base Secretary, suggesting that the Conference Superintendent of Publicity mail Bulletins direct to the Auxiliary Superintendent of Publicity, instead of to District Secretary, as heretofore. A motion prevailed that same be done. A motion prevailed that all literature, leaflets, etc., be sent to Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary, instead of to President, as heretofore.

The President presented Miss Toler and Mrs. Brooks, pages for the day.

Reports of District Secretaries from the following districts were read and accepted: Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Monroe, New Orleans, Ruston, Shreveport.

Rev. C. D. Atkinson, presiding elder of the Shreveport District, was asked to come forward and speak to the body. Mr. Atkinson suggested a campaign of missionary leaders—preachers, laymen and women, going throughout the Conference, district by district, holding missionary rallies.

Secretary read a letter and report from Mrs. Harrell, Editor of the Woman's page in the New Orleans Christian Advocate. Secretary was instructed to send letter to Mrs. Harrell, expressing regret that she was unable to attend the Annual Meeting, and appreciation of her valuable work.

Secretary was instructed to write to all absent Superintendents and District Secretaries.

The "Honor Roll" was discussed and the manner of attaining credits more clearly explained by Mrs. Lipscomb.

The following visitors were introduced: Rev. L. Hoffpauir, Rev. Martin Hebert, Deaconess Helen Gibson of St. Mark's Hall, Mrs. Beatty, President of Crowley Presbyterian Missionary Society; Mrs. Labit, President of Crowley Episcopalian Missionary Society.

We were indeed brought very close to the Master in the Bible half-hour. After the singing of the Conference Hymn, Mrs. Lips-

comb read the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th verses of the Fifteenth Chapter of John, the words of the Savior to His disciples, confirming their promotion from servants to friends. She spoke of the bases of friendship, human and divine, as the same. The three elements of Friendship: I. Confiding inmost secrets—"The things I have heard from the Father. I have made known unto you." II. Sharing His task—"I have ordained you and sent you forth." III. Giving His name and power—"Whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it." Meeting dismissed by prayer.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional service was led by Deaconess Kate Walker. The Council Hymn, No. 197, was sung. Miss Walker read a part of the 16th Chapter of 1 Samuel and led in earnest prayer.

Secretary read a telegram of greeting from Rev. and Mrs. A. I. Townsley.

Mrs. Lipscomb discussed "The Unfinished Task." She urged that the campaign for Auxiliaries and Members be continued, suggesting as the first goal—an average of one Missionary Society in every charge, then one in every church. Mrs. Lipscomb pleaded for faithfulness, perseverence and tact.

An Institute on Young People's Work, conducted by Mrs. Cunningham, the wide-awake First Vice President, was both instructive and entertaining. The following delightful program was rendered:

Song—"Loyalty to Christ" .....Congregation
Duet—"His Love for Me,"
Birdie Lyons and Louise McCorkle, of Crowley
Reading—"So Much to Do at Home"...Helen Taylor, Lafayette
"Eight Reasons Why I am a Member of Y. P. M. S.,"
Loreen Hargrove, of Natchitoches
Song—"Is it Nothing to You".Loreen Hargrove, of Natchitoches
Sketch—"No Time for the Missionary Society,"
Six Crowley Girls

Miss Janie Watkins, missionary to China, spoke to the Young

People of the life of the girls of China, telling the pretty story of the gift of the pearl ring by the girls of Laura Haygood Memorial School.

The Secretary was instructed to send a telegram of love to Miss Eliza Iles in the name of the Young People.

Meeting adjourned at 5 p. m.

Committee informed the ladies that automobiles were waiting at the door and all were invited to go for a ride.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Devotional Service conducted by Miss Janie Watkins.
Music by Choir.
St. Mark's Hall's Deaconess Helen Gibson.
Stereoptican Lecture on Africa, Mr. J. A. Stockwell.
Benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Devotional Service was conducted by Deaconess Helen Gibson.

Minutes of Executive Committee and previous meetings read and approved:

The Executive Committee met Feb. 28, 1917, at 9 a.m. The arrangement and publication of the Minutes was considered. It was decided to have the Minutes completed before the Council Meeting, if possible. One thousand copies will be printed. They shall contain cuts of St. Mark's Hall, Mary Werlein Mission, and the Houma Mission. A motion prevailed that all copies be sold at 5 cents each. They should be ordered by auxiliaries from Mrs. Wiltz Ledbetter, 1134 Dalzell street, Shreveport. The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Lipscomb in regard to the Council Meeting to be held in New Orleans, April 12-20. Hymn No. 197 has been selected as the Council Hymn. Friday, April 5, is to be observed as a day of special prayer for the Council Meeting. The Committee recommends that the same District Secretaries, who have served so acceptably for the past year, be re-elected.

MRS. R. E. BOBBITT,
Recording Secretary.

In the absence of Mrs. Ledbetter, Superintendent of Study and Publicity, the subject of Mission Study was discussed by Mrs. Winstead, Miss Gatewood and Mrs. Lipscomb. Motion prevailed that time be called on speakers following.

Report from St. Mark's Hall, read by Miss Gibson, was accepted.

Report from Mary Werlein Mission, read by Mrs. Herr, was accepted.

Report of City Mission Board read and accepted.

The time having arrived for the pledge hour, the District Secretaries or their representatives were asked to come forward and take the front seats.

Mrs. Holt called for the reading of the Report of Committee on Extension of Work before pledges should be made. Secretary, Mrs. Buchanan, read the report, which was adopted as a whole.

As each District Secretary rose to make the District pledge, the delegates from her district were asked to stand and repeat with her the seven points of the goal for 1917 and the amount pledged. The pledges are as follows:

Alexandria District	$ 550.00
Baton Rouge District	350.00
Lafayette District	700.00
Monroe District	500.00
New Orleans District	700.00
Ruston District	650.00
Shreveport District	2000.00
Total	$5450.00

The Nominating Committee reported the following names:

President	Mrs. C. F. Niebergall
First Vice President	Mrs. W. T. Cunningham
Second Vice President	Mrs. R. H. Harper
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. A. P. Holt
Recording Secretary	Mrs. U. A. Bell
Superintendent of Study and Publicity	Mrs. Wiltz Ledbetter
Superintendent of Social Service	Mrs. E. R. Kennedy
Superintendent of Supplies	Mrs. H. L. Baker

Each name was submitted in order and the list selected by committee was elected. Secretary was asked to read names of District Secretaries elected by Executive Committee:

Alexandria District ..... Mrs. R. W. Winstead
Baton Rouge District ..... Mrs. J. E. Walter
Lafayette District ..... Mrs. W. M. Buchanan
Monroe District ..... Mrs. J. C. Calhoun
New Orleans District ..... Mrs. I. N. Niebergall
Ruston District ..... Mrs. Joe Miller
Shreveport District ..... Mrs. Ben Johnson

Mrs. Lipscomb conducted the Bible half-hour. Conference Hymn was sung. Three passages: Philippians 4:11, Hebrews 11:32, Revelations 7:14 were read and *our part* in the Master's kingdom outlined as follows:

(1.) Dying of self and giving ourselves to others.
(2.) Giving our lives in service to the world in His name.
(3.) Sharing the fellowship of His suffering.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Deaconess Gatewood led the devotional service in memory of those of our number who have died during the past year, reading as a lesson the beautiful passage relating the incident of Jesus with Mary and Martha, comforting them and giving them hope after the death of their brother.

The place of meeting being next in the order of business, the following invitations were given for the Annual Meeting in 1918: Shreveport (First Church), Noel Memorial, Baton Rouge, Leesville, Monroe, and Crowley. Shreveport (First Church) was chosen.

The following reports of committees were read and accepted: Finance, Young People's Work, Children's Work, Study and Publicity, Social Service, Supplies, Standing Rules, Resolutions.

Mrs. John M. Parker of New Orleans, who was to address the meeting on the subject, "Why Should Women of the Missionary Society be Interested in the Laws of the State," was kept at home by illness, and Mrs. Herr of Mary Werlein Mission was asked to discuss the subject. Her address was able and impressive. Surely the women who so attentively listened to her can not be indifferent to the laws of the State.

Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Harper were elected alternates to the Council Meeting.

Mrs. Holt read Article 5, page 213, of the Council Minutes as follows: "In each Conference Society a Committee of three, one of whom shall be the Corresponding Secretary, shall be elected to visit the home institutions within its boundary and cooperate with them for the advancement of their work."

Mrs. Holt, Mrs. John Pharr and Mrs. Beach Carre were named as the committee.

Mrs. Lipscomb closed the meeting with an impressive service.

The Executive Committee met Thursday, March 1, at 5:30 p.m., to discuss the continuation of the Campaign for Organization and Membership. The Committee urge that there be no cessation in the enthusiasm and earnestness manifested the past year. Plans for putting a Conference organizer in the field were considered. No definite step could be taken at this time. The District Secretaries are asked to find, if possible, a capable woman to organize and strengthen the societies in district. New Orleans District is considered most fortunate to find Mrs. R. H. Harper willing to undertake the work there. The Conference Committee on Laws was named.

MRS. R. E. BOBBITT,
Recording Secretary.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Devotional Service, Miss Janie Watkins.

Music by the choir.

"The Council Meeting," Mrs. A. P. Holt.

Address, Mrs. Bessie Lipscomb.

Appeal to the young people for consecration, Miss Janie Watkins.

Benediction, Rev. C. D. Atkinson.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The master of the house was about to go on a long journey, so he called to him all his servants; to the first, because of his ability, he gave five talents; to the second he gave two talents, and to the last he gave one talent; then the master left immediately upon his journey. The three servants looked at the talents which their lord had left, and into the mind of each came the same thought—"what shall be done with this which my lord left in my keeping?" At length the man of five talents took same to the market place, and there, day after day, he traded skillfully and untiringly, until in place of five talents there were ten, all belonging to his lord. Likewise did the man of two talents; but the third, taking the one talent which his lord had left in his charge, hid same safely and then went about his own business, following his own pleasure; he spent no time in the market place about his master's business, but spent the days as pleased him best. After a long time, the master returned; and again the three servants stood before him. He of the many talents held same forth proudly, telling of the days spent in trading that he might increase that which his lord had left in his keeping; likewise did the man of two talents, and to each of these the master gave suitable reward. Then he of the one talent was ashamed, and began to make excuses as he brought forth the one talent, still wrapped carefully. And the master, knowing the days spent in pleasure and idleness, instead of in his service, gave to the unprofitable servant his reward—"cast him forth into outer darkness."

In our existence as a Missionary Society we have come to the close of another year, and like the three servants in the parable of our Lord, we, too, stand before the Master to render an account of the talents intrusted to our keeping.

Campaign. We know, first of all, that if the record of the past year is to be pleasing in the sight of our Lord, progress must have been made in the work of the Missionary Society; a mere "holding of the fort" is not enough, and, indeed, the Council ideal, which we also made the Conference ideal—"An auxiliary in every church and every woman and child a member"—out-

lined a year of labor and progress far removed from a mere holding of that which was already ours. While it is undoubtedly true that none of us were optimistic enough, or perhaps I should say, had faith enough, to believe that the Louisiana Conference would reach this ideal in the immediate future, still we did hope for splendid things as a result of the campaign conducted throughout the State for new auxiliaries and members. Gains, it is true, have been made in almost every district, still it is to be regretted that the end of the year does not find us more nearly in reach of the goal set. The Louisiana Conference has 145 pastoral charges; many of these, however, embrace as many as three churches, making the total number of churches in the Conference approximately 350, 101 of which have missionary societies. As our ideal was an organization in every church, it is very clear we are still far from our goal; only about one-third of the churches have missionary organizations, notwithstanding the special campaign. What success we have attained thus far in the campaign is due in a great measure, we feel sure, to the work of the District Secretaries, who, even if they have not done the actual work of organizing, have inspired others by their efforts, having spent much time in writing and planning that this work for the Master might go forward. We also believe that if the women who comprise the working force in every district assume their share of this burden the work would progress more rapidly. For this reason, we bespeak for every District Secretary during the coming year a more thoughtful support of the district work in general; more prayers; greater co-operation, and, in fact, a division of the work and responsibility in this matter of effecting new organizations.

Finances. With the union of the two great branches of Woman's Missionary work, there came immediately the question of financing same. If we were to continue the work already begun in home and foreign lands, there must of necessity be no decrease in the income of the new missionary organization. It was only after careful consideration and much prayer that the doubling of the dues was decided upon. Many feared that this plan would result in a smaller membership, not so much by the actual, as by the fancied, hardship which the increased dues

imposed. In addition to this, for the past year or two, most unusual conditions have prevailed throughout our land, materially increasing the cost of living. For these reasons, it was natural that some of us should approach the end of the year with some misgivings in so far as our financial status was concerned. It is small wonder, therefore, that when, in early January, our capable Treasurer sent forth the word that this had been financially the best year we had ever had, and that our pledge for the first time in our existence as a Missionary Society was not only paid in full, but actually a little overpaid, there was great rejoicing, and in the heart of every officer, at least the song of the little children found an echo—"Father, we thank Thee; Father in Heaven, we thank Thee." We trust, and have much joy in believing that the generosity of our women in the year just past reflects gratitude and appreciation to Almighty God for the way in which He has guided us as a nation during these days of turmoil and strife; may He grant to us a continuance of peace, and let us not fail to show to the Father and to the world our gratitude and appreciation by still more generous giving in the year to come.

Week of Prayer. Prayer is a very vital part of our organization, and any great degree of success without it is impossible. The observance of our Week of Prayer is as necessary as are our monthly business meetings. However, owing to the fact that the attendance at our prayer services is frequently small, some have grown discouraged and discontinued the observance of this yearly prayer service. Our Lord does not demand a large company when we come to Him in prayer, having promised to be with the two or three who will meet in His name. Furthermore, the success of the prayer service is not to be measured by the number who meet to pray, but by the number those few may reach by their prayers. For this reason, it is a discredit to our organization when the Week of Prayer is not observed by at least some few in every auxiliary. Let us do more than take as our slogan "Every Auxiliary observing the Week of Prayer in 1917;" let us make this slogan a fact in Louisiana.

Opportunity. We have talked of some of our failures and we have talked of some of our successes in the year that has

passed; we have also spoken of our ideals for the future; let us not forget also to consider the opportunity that is ours to-day. While it is true that since the days when Paul opened the eyes of Christians to a vision of the fields white unto the harvest, opportunities have not been lacking; the lack rather has been in men and women who, like Paul, receive the vision and then utilize the opportunities. And if past opportunities have been many, they are to-day legion, and greater than ever is the call for laborers. Hitherto women of the great European countries, as well as the women of America, have had time and money to devote to the Master's service; to-day, owing to the great conflict in which these nations are engaged, neither men nor women have any thought or money save for their own country; laying, therefore, on the men and women of America not only greater responsibility, but greater privileges and opportunities. It will be many days before the chaos and confusion of the present day shall be restored to some semblance of order; meantime the Master looks to us. Let us not fail Him in this His time of need; lest when he shall call us to account for the talents left in our keeping we come as did the unprofitable servant, with fear and many an excuse. Rather, let us, by true consecration of time and money, seize and use our opportunities, that we may some day enter into the joy of our Lord and Master.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Number of Adult Auxiliaries, 101 : gain, 19; loss, 11; net gain,	8
Numbr of members Ad. Aux.	2291
Number of new members	65
Number of Y. P. Aux.	23
Number of New Y. P. Aux. 16; loss, 12; net gain,	4
Number of members, Y. P. Aux.	433
Number of New members, Y. P. Aux.	45
Number of Junior Divisions	66
Number of New Junior Divisions	22
Number of Junior members	1662
Number of New Junior members	364
Number of Baby Divisions	27
Number of New Baby Divisions	6

Number of Members, Baby Division	218
Number of New Members, Baby Division	8
Number of Subscribers to Missionary Voice	907
Number of Subscribers to Young Christian Worker	371
Number of Aux. presenting Stewardship	42
Number of Scholarships	8
Number of Bible Women	6
Number of Day Schools	2
Number of Missionaries supported	3
Number of Aux. observing Week of Prayer	69
Number of Aux. on Roll of Honor	27
Total amount pledged by Conference	$4485.00
Total amount paid for pledge	4818.00
Total amount sent Conference Treasurer (all purposes)	12,665.28

The Seventh Annual Meeting of our Conference Society is to be one of unprecedented interest—first, because, having gained a hard-fought goal in at least one inning, we are greatly encouraged to strengthen our weak places, take another tack, and come now ready to plan for another tussle with our common enemy, indifference to, and ignorance of, the needs of the human family.

The events of the year, briefly, are as follows:

The Whirlwind Campaign in May for Auxiliaries and Members was carried out with varying enthusiasm and success in all the districts. There was more real "whirl" on the Shreveport District, and, in consequence, the largest gain. When folks will go 40 miles in cars to organize, there is real endeavor. Everywhere there has come the note of earnest joy in the undertaking, even when there has been a temporary failure. In no case had they said "we give up," or "it can't be done;" but always "we will try again later on." That the work begun is continuing is evidenced by the three new auxiliaries in the Alexandria District since the first of the year, and plans for others in other districts. If it is true, and we know it is, that a live church is the one where there are conversions all through the year, then it is likewise true that the districts and auxiliaries, working month in and month out for the winning of members and auxiliaries, are the ones that will show the greatest progress in the end. 93 Adult Auxiliaries in 1915; 101 at the close of 1916, gives a net gain of only 8 auxiliaries, while there were 19 organized during the year. We find here the weakest point in our work—failing to conserve our

forces to so nurture and strengthen the new and weak organizations that they may weather through their "second summer." ORGANIZE and CONSERVE: first, organize, but, above all, CONSERVE! Follow up may also be reversed and still be in order of importance.

Almost all of the recommendations of last year's committee on extension have been carried out faithfully. The fifth, "that where as many as three women desired a missionary society that an organization be effected" seems not to have been understood—the promise is given to "the two or three gathered together in my name." Surely if these few are faithful in their praying, in their study and endeavors, others will join them. And if they do not, is prayer and communion ever lost? God giveth the increase. Let us get these smaller groups of women together. Let them have all the literature, all the helps, all the words of encouragement we can give. Who knows what missionaries or deaconesses may be called from out one of these small centers in due time?

Blessed is that Texas woman who first thought of "Harvest Day," for it has brought for us the glad time that enables us to rejoice in our pledge of $4485, overpaid by $333, or a total of $4819, besides more being paid on dues and other items. As for me and my Conference, HARVEST DAY FOREVER! We came nearer paying by the quarter this year, too, than ever before.

Where nine Adult Auxiliaries and four Juniors attained points sufficient for the Roll of Honor a year ago, to-day we have eleven Adults, two Young People and fourteen Juniors. What shall the record be for this year? Unless we work toward definite goal, we never get anywhere.

There is an increase of twelve in the number of Auxiliaries observing the Week of Prayer. That is good so far, but why is the number so small? Only 68 out of the 101 Adults, 23 Young People and 66 Junior Societies! Those failing to come together for this special time of praise and sacrificial offering to Him whose mercies and blessings to us are so continuous and wonderful have missed a time of refreshing such as only our God can pour out. No district attained the place on the Honor Roll for 75 per cent observing these services.

The district meetings helped much to bring in a full Harvest

Day. Interest is growing. That that is the time when problems and victories may be discussed in detail, when the Secretary and her workers may get into such close touch with each that her plans and suggestions may find immediate response in the auxiliarise, is becoming better and better understood. The auxiliary, the district, the Conference. We are but one.

We must make this meeting here, just a forerunner of the great Council meeting that will be held in New Orleans April 12-20. We hope every district will be well represented there. It will be an opportunity of a lifetime. Pray definitely every day that the power of the Spirit may be so manifest that all our Conference shall be roused. The great mission centers within our borders, St. Marks and Houma, must needs have a mighty uplift when all the Conference officers come to know the needs, as they will in this first-hand knowledge of conditions and opportunities in Louisiana.

Miss Clara Chalmers, our Scarritt graduate of 1916, is in Athens College, Athens, Ala., taking additional work. Miss Pauline Randall, to whom China calls loudly, is enthusiastic in her first year's training at Scarritt.

John R. Mott says that the fundamental need of the church to-day is not that of men and money, much as they are needed, nor better organization, nor plans, nor leaders; but back of all these unquestioned needs is the fundamental need of more Christ-like intercessors. Have we taken the time to be the prayer-links God would have us be? The daily morning watch should be a reality in all our lives. "Only when a church gives herself up to the holy work of intercession, pleading for others," says Arnold, "Can we expect the power of Christ to manifest itself in her behalf." Then the vision comes. To hear the still, and music of humanity; to see the vision and follow it, means enlargement of life. "There is much joy in maximum service." Which shall ours be this year—Maximum Service, or Minimum Service? Let us remember that the much joy comes only in the former. Let us begin working toward a definite goal in every department, and DO IT NOW!

Mrs. A. P. HOLT.

Treasurer's Report for the Year Ending December 31, 1916.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT Auxiliaries—	Dues	Pledge	Specials and other Items	Scarritt Fund	Total Cash	Local Work Reported	Grand Total
Alexandria	$203.45	$125.00	$220.85	$ 4.50	$553.80	$179.25	$733.05
Alexandria, Y. P.	2.75	.....	1.00	.....	3.75	.....	3.75
Alexandria, Jr.	3.50	2.25	2.20	.....	7.95	.....	7.95
Bethel	7.50	.....	.....	.....	7.50	.....	7.50
Bunkie	60.10	37.75	48.85	1.30	148.00	102.65	250.65
Campti	19.25	.....	.....	.....	19.25	67.25	86.50
Campti, Y. P.	2.40	3.00	.....	.....	5.40	.....	5.40
Campti, Jr.	4.72	.....	.....	.....	4.72	2.00	6.72
Colfax	19.10	7.75	.....	.....	26.85	564.07	590.92
Colfax, Jr.	.....	1.10	.....	.....	1.10	.....	1.10
Columbia	24.00	11.70	7.68	.....	43.38	205.25	248.63
De Ridder	23.20	.....	.....	.....	23.20	19.00	42.20
Good Pine	16.25	14.75	2.35	2.00	35.35	8.50	43.85
Jena	36.75	23.20	8.35	4.00	72.30	9.65	81.95
Jena, Jr.	3.16	2.15	.....	.....	5.31	1.50	6.81
Lecompte	48.00	60.00	155.00	4.00	267.00	41.05	308.05
Merryville	64.65	18.75	3.20	.....	86.60	131.67	218.27
Natchitoches	102.70	76.45	12.87	2.10	194.12	.....	194.12
Natchitoches, Y. P.	8.25	10.20	.....	.....	18.45	.....	18.45
Natchitoches, Jr.	3.50	12.71	.....	.....	16.21	.....	16.21
Oakdale	51.60	19.45	12.10	.....	83.15	100.60	183.75
Oakdale, Y. P.	.90	.....	.....	.....	.90	.....	.90
Opelousas	39.95	50.20	8.50	3.25	101.90	.....	101.90
Tioga	20.10	.....	.....	.....	20.10	.....	20.10
District Collection	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.85	.....	2.85
Totals	$765.78	$476.41	$432.95	$21.15	$1749.14	$1432.44	$3181.58

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT. Auxiliaries—	Dues	Pledge	Specials and other Items	Scarritt Fund	Total Cash	Local Work Reported	Grand Total
Amite	$68.05	$10.00			$78.05	$134.43	$212.48
Baker	9.00	1.00			10.00		10.00
Baton Rouge	71.85	65.00	$60.00	$4.00	200.85		200.85
Baton Rouge, Jr	1.00	5.99			6.99	5.50	12.49
Clinton	23.75			4.00	27.75		27.75
Clinton, Jr.	1.95				1.95		1.95
Franklinton	53.60	25.90	8.80	3.40	91.70	87.80	179.50
Franklinton, Jr.		14.70			14.70		14.70
Gayden-Pine Grove	23.00	10.00	50.00		83.00		83.00
Hammond	20.55	12.35			32.90	66.00	98.90
Jackson	11.30	6.45			17.75		17.75
Jackson, Jr.	1.45				1.45		1.45
Kentwood	51.40	14.15	5.00		70.55	169.10	239.65
Kentwood, Jr.	.60	.33	.50		1.43		1.43
Natalbany	20.50				20.50	49.50	70.00
Ponchatoula	18.00			4.30	22.30	24.08	46.38
St. Francisville	18.90	4.45	.50		23.85	35.10	58.95
Wilson	36.00	15.00			51.00		51.00
Wilson, Y. P.	1.00				1.00		1.00
Wilson, Jr.	1.82		.50		2.32		2.32
Zachary	2.50				2.50		2.50
Totals	$436.22	$185.32	$125.30	$15.70	$762.54	$571.51	$1334.05

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT. Auxiliaries—	Dues	Pledge	Specials and other Items	Scarritt Fund	Total Cash	Local Work Reported	Grand Total
Berwick	$ 6.00				$ 6.00		$ 6.00
Branch	18.75	$25.00		$4.00	47.75		47.75
Branch, Jr.	5.65				5.65		5.65
Crowley	103.50	137.00	$49.90	4.00	294.40		294.40
Crowley, Y. P.	3.00	.85	4.20		8.05	$5.00	13.05
Crowley, Jr.	.95	2.02	2.40		5.37		5.37
Franklin	30.60	7.65			38.25	517.30	555.55
Houma	31.25	23.05	6.14	1.55	61.99	113.10	175.09
Houma, Y. P.	7.50				7.50	.60	8.10
Houma, Jr.	2.80	2.78	1.00		6.58		6.58
Lafayette	84.20	100.00	24.35	4.00	212.55	127.50	340.05
Lafayette, Jr.	5.95	5.12	2.00		13.07		13.07
Lake Arthur	48.50	34.97		1.50	84.97	80.80	165.77
Lake Arthur, Jr.	2.15	1.77			3.92		3.92
Lake Charles	89.90	51.45	6.30		147.65	287.38	435.03
Lake Charles, Jr.	2.00	2.63	.48		5.11		5.11
Morgan City	60.00	7.00	2.00		69.00	120.40	189.40
Morgan City, Jr.	1.17				1.17		1.17
New Iberia	37.25	10.25	2.75	2.00	52.25	181.35	233.60
New Iberia, Jr.	2.50	1.28	2.00	2.00	7.78	1.30	9.08
Rayne	57.25	$1.25	20.00	4.00	162.50	67.60	230.10
Rayne, Jr.	1.50				1.50		1.50
Sulphur	30.00	18.55	5.40		53.95	127.80	181.75
West Lake	8.65				8.65		8.65
District Collection					3.25		3.25
Totals	$641.02	$512.62	$128.92	$23.05	$1308.86	$1630.13	$2938.99

MONROE DISTRICT. Auxiliaries—	Dues	Pledge	Specials and other Items	Scarritt Fund	Total Cash	Local Work Reported	Grand Total
Gilbert	$33.75	$ 7.50			$41.25		$41.25
Lake Providence	4.90				4.90		4.90
Lake Providence, Y. P.	46.67	15.00		$4.00	65.67		65.67
Mer Rouge	39.50	7.85	$6.50	4.00	57.85	$124.38	182.23
Mer Rouge, Y. P.	7.05				7.05	15.00	22.05
Monroe	128.50	123.45	8.35		260.30		260.30
Monroe, Y. P.	7.00	10.00	.50		17.50		17.50
Monroe, Jr.	6.55	5.05	.50		12.10		12.10
Oak Ridge	51.75	27.05	3.45	2.00	84.25	33.00	117.25
Oak Ridge, Jr.	13.25	15.86	2.00		31.11	3.10	34.21
Rayville	75.00	50.00	5.30	4.00	134.30	234.98	369.28
Rayville, Jr.	4.80				4.80		4.80
Union	6.85		7.50		14.35	17.50	31.85
Waterproof	17.50	5.00	1.00	3.25	26.75		26.75
West Monroe	51.70	8.25			59.95	227.55	287.50
Winsboro	37.30	55.00			92.30	90.00	182.30
District Collection					4.40		4.40
Totals	$532.01	$330.01	$35.10	$-1.25	$918.83	$745.51	$1664.34

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Auxiliaries—	Dues.....	Pledge.....	Specials and other Items.....	Scarritt Fund.....	Total Cash.....	Local Work Reported	Grand Total.....
Algiers	$31.10	$12.25	.....	.....	$43.35	$8.95	$52.30
Algiers, Jr.	2.01	.....	.....	.....	2.01	.....	2.01
Carrollton Avenue	76.95	65.00	$77.25	$4.00	223.20	381.04	604.24
Carrollton Avenue, Jr.	.50	5.15	1.00	.....	6.65	2.00	8.65
First Church, New Orleans	128.25	75.00	7.50	4.00	214.75	.....	214.75
First Church, New Orleans, Jr.	.77	4.07	3.75	.....	8.59	.....	8.59
Felicity	65.00	62.25	.....	.....	127.25	80.50	207.75
Felicity, Jr.	6.40	2.17	.....	.....	8.57	.....	8.57
Louisiana Avenue	19.00	.....	.....	.....	19.00	174.05	193.05
Mary Werlein, Jr.	3.25	1.56	.....	.....	4.81	2.09	6.90
Parker Memirial	74.10	33.00	7.00	1.00	115.10	146.15	261.25
Parker Memorial, Y. P.	8.80	10.65	2.00	.....	21.45	16.50	37.95
Parker Memorial, Jr.	4.60	40.50	5.00	.....	49.50	22.60	72.10
Plattenville	16.20	.....	.....	.....	16.20	5.00	21.20
Rayne Memorial	135.00	275.00	126.50	4.00	540.50	992.85	1533.35
Rayne Memorial Y. P.	12.60	5.00	40.00	.....	57.60	52.00	109.60
Rayne Memorial, Jr.	1.10	1.10	.....	.....	2.20	.....	2.20
St. Marks	28.00	36.45	2.25	.....	66.70	.....	66.70
St. Marks, Jr.	.....	5.40	.....	.....	5.40	.....	5.40
Second Church, New Orleans	57.10	21.25	.....	.....	78.35	18.00	96.35
Second Church, New Orleans, Y. P.	1.25	.....	.....	.....	1.25	.....	1.25
Second Church, New Orleans, Jr.	.....	3.36	.....	.....	3.36	.....	3.36
Slidell	40.15	15.00	.....	.....	55.15	194.01	249.16
Vacherie	17.50	5.80	2.10	.....	25.40	4.86	30.26
District Collection	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.05	.....	4.05
Totals	$729.03	$679.96	$274.35	$13.00	$1700.39	$2100.60	$3800.99

RUSTON DISTRICT.

Auxiliaries—	Dues	Pledge	Specials and other Items	Scarritt Fund	Total Cash	Local Work Reported	Grand Total
Arcadia	$41.00	$44.15	$9.00		$94.15	$10.50	$104.65
Athens	9.75	16.55			26.30		26.30
Bernice	18.00	6.00			24.00	61.40	85.40
Doyline	3.00				3.00		3.00
Dubach	42.45	5.35	5.60		53.40		53.40
Dubach, Jr.		2.70			2.70		2.70
Haughton	48.65	11.35			60.00	25.00	85.00
Haughton, Jr.	4.25	5.25			9.50		9.50
Haynesville	17.70	8.50	2.05		28.25	37.20	65.45
Homer	98.20	78.25	5.95		182.40		182.40
Homer, Y. P.	6.55	1.65	1.45		9.65		9.65
Homer, Jr.	12.57	11.52			24.09	1.38	25.47
Minden	140.20	187.05	54.70	$4.10	386.05		386.05
Minden, Y. P.	10.50	11.00	4.80		26.30		26.30
Minden, Jr.		10.00			10.00	15.00	25.00
Plain Dealing	9.85				9.85		9.85
Ruston	156.80	175.00	13.72	4.00	349.52	213.45	562.97
Ruston, Y. P.	7.50	4.00			11.50		11.50
Ruston, Y. P. Orphanage	8.95	4.75			13.70	10.63	24.33
Ruston, Jr.	1.25	20.60			21.85		21.85
Simsboro	1.10				1.10		1.10
Winnfield	42.00	18.25	2.55	4.00	66.80	82.15	148.95
District Collection					3.60		3.60
Total	$680.27	$621.92	$99.82	$12.10	$1417.71	$456.71	$1874.42

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT. Auxiliaries—	Dues	Pledge	Specials and other Items	Scarritt Fund	Total Cash	Local Work Reported	Grand Total
First Church	$497.25	$872.50	$143.18	$4.00	$1516.93	$2188.00	$3704.93
First Church, No. 2	26.00	212.50	8.95	.....	247.45	.....	247.45
First Church, Y. P.	22.50	35.35	.....	.....	57.85	85.20	143.05
First Church, Jr.	2.05	1.00	.....	.....	3.05	.....	3.05
Flournoy	9.75	.....	.....	.....	9.75	.....	9.75
Grand Cane	49.95	39.70	8.60	4.00	102.25	380.06	482.31
Grand Cane, Y. P.	4.30	6.00	.....	.....	10.30	.....	10.30
Grand Cane, Jr.	6.40	12.50	2.10	.....	21.00	3.00	24.00
Greenwood	63.45	59.70	40.00	2.00	165.15	42.75	207.90
Greenwood, Y. P.	3.15	.....	.....	.....	3.15	.....	3.15
Greenwood, Jr.	9.20	9.22	40.00	.....	58.42	.....	58.42
Keithville	29.05	21.00	.....	.....	50.05	19.50	69.55
Leesville	63.75	13.75	.....	4.00	81.50	702.87	784.37
Logansport	51.20	8.75	.....	.....	59.95	140.52	200.47
Longstreet	12.50	5.00	7.75	.....	25.25	.....	25.25
Longstreet, Jr.	.....	3.60	.....	.....	3.60	.....	3.60
Mansfield	183.00	500.00	490.00	4.00	1177.00	170.81	1347.81
Mansfield, Y. P.	32.20	15.00	1.00	.....	48.20	34.80	83.00
Mansfield, Jr.	26.65	18.67	1.00	.....	46.32	8.00	54.32
Many	43.05	20.00	1.30	4.00	68.35	26.75	95.10
Many, Jr.	5.25	2.70	.38	.....	8.33	.75	9.08
Mooringsport	8.00	.....	.....	.....	8.00	.....	8.00
Naborton	14.25	12.00	.....	.....	26.25	.....	26.25
Ncame	2.45	.....	.....	.....	2.45	1.75	4.20
Noel Memorial	104.85	75.00	18.05	.....	197.90	514.10	712.00
Noel Memorial, Y. P.	6.50	3.00	.....	.....	9.50	5.00	14.50
Noel Memorial, Jr.	3.51	3.50	.....	.....	7.01	.....	7.01
Texas Avenue	10.30	.....	.....	.....	10.30	19.65	29.95
Vivian	17.25	15.00	5.00	4.00	41.25	116.49	157.74
Vivian, Y. P.	.....	4.95	.....	.....	4.95	.....	4.95
Vivian, Jr.	.....	1.80	.....	.....	1.80	.....	1.80
Zwolle	53.25	.....	.....	.....	53.25	97.00	150.25

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS.

Dues, Adult	$3819.16
Dues, Young People	186.42
Dues, Junior Division	137.80
Dues, Baby Division	22.08
Pledge, Adult	4395.92
Pledge, Young People	140.40
Pledge, Junior Division	213.90
Pledge, Baby Division	28.21
Day Schools	300.00
Scholarships	320.00
Bible Women	420.00
Retirement and Relief, Adult	159.12
Retirement and Relief, Young People	5.68
Week of Prayer Offering, Adult	445.29
Week of Prayer Offering, Young People	13.95
Week of Prayer Offering, Junior Division	23.06
Scarritt Loan Fund	128.25
For Deaconess at Houma	320.00
Alice Cobb Bible School, Korea	50.00
Special, for China	20.45
Sam Hunter Scholarship	180.00
Supplement to Hunter Scholarship	20.00
Conference Expenses	868.63
Total Receipts from Conference	$12,218.32
Council Treasurer for N. O. Bd. Mis	176.61
Grand Total Receipts	$12,394.93
Balance from 1915	270.35
	$12,665.28

LOCAL WORK REPORTED.

Value of Supplies	$ 652.20
Amount Expended on Charity	2157.29
Amount Expended on Parsonage	3813.26
Amount Expended on Churches	1500.32
Amount Sundry Other Items	2284.73
Amount Expended City Missions	1086.10
	$11,493.90

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Paid—

Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Treasurer	$11,349.69
Mrs. Lipscomb, on Council Minutes	3.30
Conference Officers Expense Accounts	443.19
District Secretaries Expense Accounts	131.17
New Orleans Advocate, Printing Minutes, etc.	185.21
Printing Leaflets, Letters, Programs, etc.	34.25
Traveling Expense of Guests and District Meetings to Annual	75.55
New Orleans City Mission Board	176.61
Florists Bill	3.00
	$12,401.97
Balance on hand	263.31
	$12,665.28

MRS. J. J. HOLMES, Treasurer.

Minden, La., February 22, 1917.

This is to certify that I have examined the books of the Woman's Missionary Society kept by Mrs. J. J. Holmes, and found same correct.

February 25, 1917. MRS. W. H. LUCK.

REPORT OF FIRST VICE PRESIDENT.

Number of Y. P. Auxiliaries, 24; increase, 5.

Number members of Y. P. Auxiliaries, 433; increase, 45.

Number of M. S. Class, 10; increase 2.

Y. P. Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer, 11; increase, 6.

Pledge paid by the Young People, 1916	$140.40
Pledge paid by the Young People, 1915	68.75
Increase	$ 71.65
Dues paid by the Young People, 1916	$210.07
Dues paid by the Young People, 1915	79.75
Increase	$130.32
Week of Prayer offering, 1916	$ 13.95

Week of Prayer offering, 1915	9.97
Increase	$ 3.98

Y. P. M. S. at close of year 1916: First Church (Shreveport); Natchitoches; Mer Rouge; Noel Memorial; Campti; Monroe; Mansfield; Alexandria; Lake Providence; Grand Cane; Oakdale; Parker Memorial; Coushatta; Minden; Rayne Memorial; Longstreet; Ruston; First Church, New Orleans; Greenwood; Homer; Crowley; Vivian; Ruston Orphanage; Houma.

Goal for 1917.

38 Consecrated First Vice Presidents.
38 Young People's Missionary Societies.
600 Members.
38 Missionary Study Classes.
16 on Honor Roll.
25 Observing Week of Prayer.
38 Prayer Circles.
3 Volunteers.
Pledge—$200.

"The only way to reach the goal is simply to pursue it. The only way to do a thing, is just to go and do it."

The year 1916 stands out as the greatest in missionary interest in the history of our Young People's work. While our increase in membership does not tally with our increase in finances, yet this shows that our 24 Y. P. M. S. have a deeper interest in missions and are giving more freely of their time and money. Yea, they are giving themselves.

Honor Roll.

Minden was the only Y. P. Auxiliary reporting each quarter that they were on the Honor Roll; however, Mansfield and Crowley have reported lately that they have met the requirements.

Keep the "Standard of Excellence" before your Young People at each meeting and I hope there will be many faithful auxiliaries on Honor Roll at close of 1917.

Mansfield deserves special mention for organizing Logansport and Grand Cane. These young people spend much time in

prayer and this is the secret of their success. I give below a prayer composed by one of the Mansfield girls, Loreen Goss:

"Ever look onward and upward and never back, hoping and praying for things we lack. God give us strength thy work to do, give us faith to e'er be true. Help us up life's rugged path, make each one thankful for what she hath. Join our hands in fellowship pray, that each may help the other on life's way. Guide and bless us every one. Call us when our life is done."

District Meeting.

I had the pleasure of attending two District meetings held at Natchitoches and Minden: The Y. P. work was presented and a greater interest in their work is shown by the reports from the Ruston and Alexandria District. I found the young people very responsive and eager to be taught. Remember item 5 on your "Standard of Excellence."

Week of Prayer.

Only 5 Y. P. M. S. observed Week of Prayer in 1915. This past year there were 11.

Please plan early this year, for this special afternoon. Pray for it and make this a rally meeting for Young People; obstacles of indifference and unbelief will be removed when we teach our Young People to pray.

Mission Study Classes.

Item 1 on "Standard of Ex." calls for it. Only 10 out of 24 Auxiliaries reported a M. S. Class, we must have these classes in every Y. P. M. S. There is nothing difficult about organizing. These classes will mean a longer life and a more devoted service in the years to come. If you don't know how to organize, write me and we'll do it now.

Pledge.

We give thanks for the marked interest among our young people along the line of stewardship of money; let them take every age and press forward to even a greater love offering: $200.00 is our Goal for 1917. Lake Providence Auxiliary is alive to the world's needs and has contributed most liberally along all lines. This Y. P. M. S. stands at the top in its gifts for missions.

Stewardship.

The reports from my Young People do not show that Stewardship has been stressed as it should be. Especially does this call for stewardship of personality come to the Young People of today, for, it is in their ranks that the missionaries, pastors, teachers and leaders of the future must come and it is in the power of these young people, by having stewardship lives and by being faithful custodians of God's silver and gold, to make manifest the spirit of Christ and hasten the coming of His kingdom.

I must tell you that the Y. P. M. S. at Ruston Orphanage has been a great joy and inspiration to me. Here is an example of great love and self-denial for the Master. This faithful band was the only Auxiliary in the State contributing quarterly to the Conference Expense and Relief and Retirement Fund.

They will not do their work in a half-hearted way, their Society has pledged $20 for 1917 and they are going to earn their pledge by making and selling crochet and tatting. What is your Talent? What is in thine hand? Stir up the gift of God that is in thee. Dear Christians remember these precious souls at the Orphanage and pray earnestly for them.

Volunteers.

Is it too much to ask that God will give us at least 3 Volunteers this year? May some young person in our Y. P. M. S. definitely offer his or her life for Missionary work. One of our Deaconesses declared she has never known such joy as she have found in the path of obedience to the Holy Spirits constant reminder of her call to service.

Through many tests she has stepped out upon God's promises and proved Him. There are many calls for workers both in the home land and non-Christian countries. The needs are so great there should be many to hear the call. Our Lord has promised, "If we ask anything of the Father, He will give it you in my name." Can we not claim this promise and ask for 3 deaconesses or missionaries from our Y. P. M. S. in Louisiana?

To the Idle First Vice President.

There are 77 First Vice Presidents that have wrapped their talent in a napkin and hid it away.

My First Vice President, if your lamp refuses its light, the world will be so much the darker, but your responsibility exist just the same whether you feel it or not. A million candles will fill a vast half with a blaze of light, because each little taper is doing its best. I can't imagine a town or city where there are no young people. Those around you, dear First Vice President, have enthusiasm, a winning personalty and mental ability. Many have leisure, some have means. What an array of talents! Shall these talents be thoughtlessly wasted upon the unsatisfying objects which the world holds out with such glittering possibilities?

It is in your power, dear leader, to present real attractions of this Gospel and our Missionary work and thus win for Him the most precious thing in the world, the hearts and souls of our Young People.

One First Vice President that has been a Christian since early childhood says, "I would rather give up any other work in the Church, than my work as First Vice President of the Missionary Society." Another says, "There is a peculiar joy in working with young people, simply because they are young, responsive and enthusiastic, but there is a greater joy in giving to the utmost all of one's time, power and ability to a leadership that means, by the help of God, a bringing of young lives into the Master's Kingdom and into His service. Pray for us that we may be our best and do our best for Him, during this year.

Mrs. W. T. CUNNINGHAM,
First Vice President.

REPORT OF SECOND VICE PRESIDENT.

We greet you to-day with the love of children in our hearts, as it is expressed by James Whitcomb Riley, as "Longfellow's Love for the Children."

"Awake, he loved their voices,
And wove them into his rhyme,
And the music of their laughter
Was with him all the time.

"Though he knew the tongues of nations,
And their meanings all were dear,
The prattle and lisp of a little child
Was the sweetest for him to hear."

So we believe the sweetest note in our triumphant song of praise to-day is that the Children's work in Louisiana is on a firm footing.

We have struck a chord of success that shall be a great Amen to the object of our Children's work—to hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God throughout the world, by giving the children of the Church Missionary education, training them for Christian service, by cultivating in them habits of liberal and systematic giving, and of daily Bible study and prayer. This is indeed a lovely and all-comprehensive object, but, my friends, this great plan is as much for the leader as the child, for only through the leader can it be possible. The first step is the means to an end, to hasten the Kingdom by knowledge. How true—to do right, we must know right, and the child must early learn that the Bible is the lamp unto the feet, and the light unto the path. Feeling the need of God's help, Daniel cried, "Teach me to do thy will," and God's reply in promise to those who love him is, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go, I will guide thee with mine eye." This brings us to realize that in bringing the Kingdom by knowledge, must be the knowledge of God's plan for the world, as found in his Holy Word. Hence the motive of all Missions. The success of this depends almost wholly upon the leader. We can not say to our boys and girls, "Read the Scriptures," and feel that our part is done. We must see to it that the text for daily reading is suited to the child's age and needs. This is all so beautifully prepared for us in the Graded Sunday School Lessons, and I am glad to see a coming-together on this all-important point by all leaders of God's little ones.

Many of us have looked with adoration upon that lovely picture, Jesus, with his disciples sitting at his feet learning that wonderful prayer, "Our Father." Friends, these little ones are, as it were, our disciples, crying unto us, "Teach us to pray." Have they observed your life to be a prayerful one? I have read a beautiful story of a teacher of little children, who made the life,

love, service, and sacrifice of Christ so real that one little child said, "My, I guess he was so kind that the dogs folowed him about the streets," and another child lingered to put her arms around the teacher and say, "I want to be like him." Perhaps you have read this story, but have you had the experience?

Oh! this is all wonderful, and if we are to bring, through the children, the answer to our prayer, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," we must have some of the feeling of the Master, as he stooped and took the children in his arms, and held them there with the realization that Childhood is the Hope of the World. Is not this true of every Department of our work—the Child the Hope. Begin with the First Department. Where are the young people to come from? Ask your Superintendent of Supplies for her most interesting item. Do we hope for our Fourth Department to accomplish much through the aged, the halt, the blind? And this has been true since the coming of the Child in Bethlehem.

"The world was dark with care and woe,
With brawl and pleasure wild,
When in the midst, his love to show,
God set a Child."

We remember the rest—how the sages looked at their books, shook their heads, and "wanted no Child." The Merchants said, "'Tis gold alone prevails, we want no Child." Soldiers disdainfully smiled, "Can babes the shield support? We want no Child."

"Then said the Lord, 'O world of care,
So blinded and beguiled,
Thou must receive for thy repair
A Holy Child.'"

Another has said,

"Could every time-worn heart but see Thee once again
A happy human Child, among the haunts of men,
The age of doubt would pass, the vision of Thy Face
Would silently restore the childhood of the race."

Along with this desire to be "like Him," must be taught the habit of Biblical and systematic giving. The inspiration for this

must come from a knowledge of conditions, and especially those conditions which the children are expected to relieve. With this end in view we have an abundant supply of helps—Leaflets, Year Book, Mission Study Books, Young Christian Worker, and our long-thought-of Missionary Catchechism. The leaflets are attractive, and so instructive. Those on the Coal Mines, Holding Institute, Soochow, and Kindergartens—the Children's Special fields, should become the basis of monthly study, so that each child and the mother may become personally interested in them.

Shall we not purpose in our hearts to use all the splendid methods given, which are within our reach, to educate both parents and children in the great plan for hastening the kingdom, by the gifts of our children to those children who know Him not. Second Vice Presidents, it is your privilege to teach Stewardship, simply, but constantly. There is nothing more beautiful and spontaneous than the generosity of children, who have learned to give to others because of their love for Christ. Yours if the privilege to link little children of the world together with this band—"Our Father."

Perhaps this question is asked oftener than any other during the year—"What can I do to interest the mothers and children?" This is the day of pictures and impersonations. Even kindergartens give little plays to set forth their work. Have you not seen your own little boy all swelled up over impersonating the "Papa Bear?" Why not use some of these good every-day school ideas for your Missionary meeting?

The most distressing feature of our work is the lack of leadership, the unwillingness on the part of women to take the part of Second Vice President, frequent changes, etc. We feel that this can only be remedied by a full realization, by our women, by our women, of the importance of the childhood of the Church. We earnestly request each member of the Executive Committee of this Conference Society, the District Secretaries, and the Presidents of Auxiliaries, for this year 1917, to work zealously to establish the importance of the training of our children, and to search out, and find, and then hold the one woman in each Church, qualified for this great work for the Master.

To the mothers of the Church, we placed, with Froebel of

old, "Come, let us live with our children." Not in the department stores, the dancing school, and the day school alone, but in the school of eternal life, let us abide with them and God.

We are eager to give you the real figures of our report, knowing them to be good, and "full of good works" of the splendid body of consecrated servants who, during the past year, led little children to Him, that he might bless them.

Total number of Baby Divisions	28
Total number of new Baby Divisions	7
Total number of Baby members	243
Increase	88
Baby Divisions where there is no Junior work	1
Number of Junior Divisions	65
Increase	16
Number of members in Junior Division	1662
Increase	520
Total number of organizations	66
Total membership	1905
Subscribers to The Young Christian Worker	381
Increase	221
Total amount sent Conference Treasurer	$469.30
Local work	43.15
Value of supplies	21.50
City Missions	4.00
Grand Total for the year	537.95
Picture books sent China and St. Mark's	114

One day of the Week of Prayer was observed by twenty-one Junior Divisions, and the Program prepared for them used. Twenty-two Divisions have had Mission Study Classes, with an enrollment of six hundred and fifty.

Fifty per cent of the Divisions are studying Social Service, and presenting the question of Stewardship regularly. Junior Pledge Cards are now being introduced into our work, and we hope that they will greatly encourage systematic giving, and make real to the children the teachings of Christian Stewardship. The following Societies attained The Standard of Excellence for the year, and are entitled to the Honor Roll Certificate: Alexandria Lake Charles, Oak Ridge, Homer, Ruston, Greenwood, Grand Cane, Many, Mansfield, Parker Memorial, St. Mark's Hall, and Carrollton. Parker Memorial leads with 105 points. Shreveport

District leads in the financial report, and New Orleans in the number of organizations.

And now we close with the prayer of Tiny Tim, "God bless us every one." Mrs. R. H. HARPER.

REPORT OF SUPT. OF STUDY AND PUBLICITY.

It was said of old, "My people perish for lack of knowledge," and the statement is no less true to-day, and in this important department of the Missionary work, we women are fast learning that to be fully active in our work we must make definite study.

"Information brings inspiration," and as a result of the information that is being spread out among members of Auxiliaries through Mission Study Classes, and an intelligent use of the leaflets, published at no small expense, we women are growing into more enthusiastic workers.

The report I bring you of the year's work falls far short of the goal for which we have striven, although there has been advance in some lines.

The joy I've found in the privilege of service through this department is shadowed with disappointment that so many of our women are still indifferent.

All literature received from headquarters has been mailed out promptly to each District Secretary. While your Superintendent does not claim to have organized one Study Class, she has tried to respond to every call for help made to her. There has been no record kept of the letters written, but the effort has been made to communicate with each District Secretary, at least once a year, and all letters received have been answered.

Only two district meetings were attended by your Superintendent, and at each meeting she endeavored to present suggestions which would be helpful to the auxiliaries in the conduct of Study classes, etc.

In conclusion may I ask that each auxiliary adopt the slogan of this department, "A Mission Study Class in each Auxiliary in the Conference, and every woman a member?" And will you not report it to the Conference Superintendent and to Mrs. H. R.

Steele? And again may I insist that report blanks be filled out and mailed to the Conference Superintendent at the end of each quarter? Much of the good work that is done loses force because some one has failed to make it known through the proper channels.

SUMMARY.

Total number of Adult Auxiliaries in the State	101
Membership	2291
Total number reporting for the year	75
Mission Study Classes reported	37
Members enrolled in Mission Study Classes	829
Reading Circles	2
Number of Young People's Study Classes	10
Number of Adult Auxiliaries reporting organized Bible Study	6
Number of Adult Auxiliaries using Bulletins	36
Number of Adult Auxiliaries using Local Press	15
Number of Auxiliaries reported First Quarter	20
Number of Auxiliaries reported Second Quarter	28
Number of Auxiliaries reported Third Quarter	16
Number of Auxiliaries reported Fourth Quarter	11

The following Auxiliaries reported each Quarter: Alexandria, Natchitoches, Opelousas, and Rayville.

MRS. WILTZ LEDBETTER.

REPORT OF SOCIAL SERVICE SUPERINTENDENT.

My report for the year ending December 31, 1916, shows marked advance along certain lines and in some localities. For instance, our workers are realizing more and more the value of co-operating with agencies already established in their own communities for social and civic betterment: Women's Clubs, Civic Leagues, Charity organizations, etc.

Splendid work has been done and is being done at St. Mark's in New Orleans; also in Shreveport and other places. One social worker reports that out of the 63 cases applying for charity a few months ago, all but five are now self-supporting; she has rendered the truest service in helping them to help themselves. Another community is alive to the influence of vile pictures and has succeeded in preventing to some extent several indecent shows.

I am glad to say one Colored Community Club is still alive and active, although some of the others promised have not materialized as yet or have not reported.

The following is my statistical report:

Social Service Studies sent out	600
Report Blanks	460
Leaflets	767
Letters	95
Number of auxiliaries in Conference	139
Number of auxiliaries in country districts	38
Number of auxiliaries in towns	51
Nmber of auxiliaries in cities	50
Number of auxiliaries having Superintendents of Service	84
Number of auxiliaries having Committee on Social Service	25
Number of Social Service Committees that	
(a) Look after the sick and strangers	22
(b) Visit corrective and benevolent institutions	7
(c) Study community conditions	10
Number having sub-Committee on Negro and Immigrant Work	1
Number having sub-Committee on Laws	0
Number of auxilaries doing other Social Service work	18
Number of auxiliaries co-operating with betterment agencies	12
Number of auxiliaries doing personal work in mission	11
In jail	4
In friendly visiting	30
Number of auxiliaries applying this study to	
(a) In our own land	15
(b) In mission lands	20
Number of auxiliaries using service topic as presented in leaflet and in each quarter	28
Number of auxiliaries applying this study to	
(a) Their community life	12
(b) Our national life	8
(c) The foreign field	12
Number studying topic in special meeting	4
In regular meeting	28
Number of Auxiliary Superintendents co-operating with the First and Second Vice Presidents	10

Please send in reports promptly to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service not later than the first day of April, July, October, and January.

Mrs. E. R. KENNEDY, Sup't.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SUPPLIES.

Our second year in this department has been very encouraging and much more has been accomplished the past twelve months, as the auxiliaries are learning the needs of the three missions in our State.

My principal work during the year has been to inform the auxiliaries of the activities in these missions and solicit from them bedding, furnishings and supplies for the two in New Orleans, namely, Mary Werlein Mission and St. Mark's Hall, and the French Mission at Houma. The latter has not received the support in my line that it should have.

Twenty-three letters were answered.

At three different times 285 circulars were sent out to the societies, and from many the responses were most generous and helpful. One beautiful feature was the response made by the Pansies to my request of them to make cloth scrapbooks for the little brown pansies in our China Mission Field. One hundred and fourteen of these beautiful books were sent to me from thirteen Junior Auxiliaries; thirty-eight of these were sent to our kindergatren work at Chang-Chow, China, for Christmas, and the rest will be taken by Miss Ida Anderson when she goes back to China in the spring.

The following will show what has been done:

	Estimated Value
Clothing, bedding and linen	$119.50
Miscellaneous, household goods, and supplies	47.50
Food supplies, etc.	37.30
Thanksgiving basket sent out	16.00
Books, scrapbooks, etc.	43.35
Representing 66 donations	$263.65
Twenty cash donations amounted to	86.00
	$349.65

The cash referred to was sent in most cases to the works mentioned and others sent to me with instructions to return it over to them, which was done.

I append a more detailed list of supplies received, giving the names of the donors.

Mrs. A. F. GODAT,
Superintendent of Supplies.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

In planning my report for the year 1916, these questions came to me: Have we grown this year? Have we done more for the Master this year than last? Have we given of our time, our money, and our prayers as God has prospered us? And then another thought from Browning came to me: "Why stay we on earth unless to grow?" I believe the auxiliaries in the Alexandria District have grown—just a little, perhaps—but a growth is perceptible.

We have now thirteen adult organiations with a membership of three hundred and sixty-four. We have lost two from our roll—Columbia has been transferred to the Monroe District and Opelousas to Lafayette District. Our loss is not really a loss to the work of societies, but simply a transfer to other districts. Nine of the thirteen auxiliaries observed Week of Prayer.

The specials for the district are: Alexandria, two Bible women; one, Hattie Haas, and the other, Emma Owen. Bunkie, one scholarship by Mrs. Maccie Haas Harrison, Lecompte, one day school, Mrs. Anna Cox Lyons. We have four Young Peoples organizations with a membership of forty-two, and four Junior organizations with a membership of ninety. We have had seven organized Junior Societies during the year, but three have died. Too small a number of Young People and Junior societies, but in time I am sure there will be others.

Only one adult organization has been made this year, Tioga. This society was organized by Alexandria. An honest effort was made to organize during the Whirlwind Campaign, and I believe the three new auxiliaries organized this quarter are the results of this campaign.

Two auxiliaries are on the honor roll—Alexandria and Natchitoches.

We have ninety-seven subscribers to the Missionary Voice, and fifty-seven to the Young Christian Worker.

Our pledge $475 has been paid in full, with a small amount over. Almost every society in the district has increased its pledge for 1917.

I believe we have thirteen strong societies—all alive and

working, from the baby of three members, Bethel, to the oldest child of 107, Alexandria.

At our district meeting in Natchitoches six auxiliaries were represented: Alexandria, Bunkie, Jena, Colfax, Campti, and Natchitoches. A helpful program was carried out; charts were used for illustrations, and all delegates took part on the program. The goal for 1917 is to win at least six Adult societies, two Young Peoples and four Juniors—a goal we expect to reach, for already we have organized three new Adult societies and one new Young People's.

Alexandria District expects to grow in 1917 to better efficiency, larger number of organizations, and a deeper spiritual life of its individual members. Pray that we may.

MRS. R. W. WINSTEAD,
District Secretary.

REPORT OF BATON ROUGE DISTRICT.

While the Baton Rouge District does not show the increase it should, I feel that there is an increasing interest in the work along all lines.

14 Adult auxiliaries, membership	263
4 Junior organization, membership	45
Baby Roll membership	15
Total membership	323

Missionary Voice, 93; Mission Study Classes 6, membership 100.

Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer, 4; presenting Christian Stewardship, 6; using leaflets and bulletins, 10.

Financial Report.

Dues, Adult	$428.40	
Dues, Young People	1.00	
Dues, Junior	6.82	
Total Dues		$436.22
Pledge, Adult	$164.30	
Pledge, Junior	21.02	
Total pledge		185.32
Week of Prayer	$ 15.30	

Scarritt	15.90	
Total		31.20
Relief and Retirement	$ 2.00	
Total		2.00
Bible Woman	$ 60.00	
Scholarship	25.00	
Total		85.00
Grand Total, sent Conference Treasurer		$739.74

Spent locally, $472.09.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. E. WALTER,

District Secretary.

REPORT OF LAFAYETTE DISTRICT.

In summing up the year's work, there is a feeling of regret that we have not advanced along all lines of our work.

At the close of our last annual meeting we went home enthused, and bravely set to our task of trying to instill some of our enthusiasm into the women throughout the district. We told them of our plans for a Whirlwind Campaign to be held in May. One live auxiliary, which is known far and near for its good works, did not wait for the Campaign, but went forthwith to a near-by charge and organized a missionary society which has made a splendid record for an infant organization.

When the time came for the Campaign proper there were just a few who were ready to go into the work; a lethargy seemed to have fallen upon us. I wonder if we had not neglected to tarry and wait for the power which comes through definite, persistent prayer?

There were no new organizations as a result of the Campaign, but new members were added to each auxiliary which carried out the work as outlined, and I verily believe there was seed sown which has since brought forth fruit.

Our presiding elder kindly gave us a half-day, if we cared to

use it, at the District Conference to present the work. This was, we believe, a profitable meeting to all concerned.

Crowley was hostess to our District Meeting, which was the best ever held in the district. Although the weather was very disagreeable, nine of the thirteen auxiliaries were represented by one or more delegates.

When I tell you that the distance from our most eastern auxiliary to the one on the west is something like 170 miles, and that both of these auxiliaries sent delegates, you may understand it was an effort for these women to come, although they seemed to count it all a joy to make the effort. We were fortunate to have with us at this time Miss Gibson, Head Resident of St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, and Miss Walker, of Houma Mission. Their helpful talks were much appreciated.

We count it a great blessing to have our Conference Secretary a resident of our district, and her splendid example of untiring efforts has been a constant inspiration to us.

Two Young Peoples and one Junior have been quite recently organized.

Our pledge of $475 was paid in full, with $37 to spare.

Auxiliaries which have never pledged, are doing so this year. Two auxiliaries are on the Honor Roll.

After all, we are making some advancement, but we will not feel satisfied until the goal is reached: "A missionary society in every Church and every woman and child a member."

We must plan for more extensive growth another year.

Let us go in faith to our Father, asking for power and wisdom in the making and execution of these plans, that we may say at the end of the year: It has been a year of marked success.

Number Adult Auxiliaries	13
Number Young People Auxiliaries	4
Number Junior Auxiliaries	9
Total number auxiliaries	26
Number Adult members	263
Number Young People members	46
Number Junior members	143
Total number members	380
Number on Baby Roll	17
Number subscribers to Voice	88
Number subscribers to Young Christian Worker	29

Number Auxiliaries having Mission Study Class	7
Number members in Mission Study Class	81
Number auxiliaries using Bulletin and Leaflets	11
Number scholarships	1

FINANCIAL.

Adult Dues	$605.85
Young People	10.50
Junior Dues	22.84
Baby Dues	1.83
Total 1916	$641.02
Total 1915	443.61
Increase	$197.41
Scarritt	$ 21.50
Total 1915	3.30
Increase	$ 18.20

WEEK OF PRAYER.

Adult	$ 73.74
Y. P.	4.20
Junior	7.88
Total 1916	$ 85.82
Total 1915	56.25
Increase	$ 29.57
Adult Pledge	$496.02
Young People and Junior	16.00
Total 1916	$512.02
Total 1915	322.60
Increase	$189.42
One Scholarship	$ 40.00
Total amount sent Conference Treasurer	$1298.58
Total amount sent 1915	819.39
Total increase	$479.19

Mrs. W. M. BUCHANAN,
District Secretary.

REPORT OF MONROE DISTRICT.

Number Adult Auxiliaries	11
Number organized this year	2
Number of members	212
Increase	32
Number of Y. P. Auxiliaries	5
Increase	2
Number Y. P. Members	93
Number Junior Auxiliaries	5
Number of members	100
Number of subscribers to Voice	80
Number of Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer	7
Number of Auxiliaries paying pledge	10
Number of Auxiliaries on Honor Roll	2
Number Mission Study Classes, Adult	5
Y. P. Mission Study Classes	1

FINANCIAL.

Adult Dues		$446.75
Y. P Dues		60.72
Junior Dues		24.60
Adult Pledge	$284.10	
Y. P. Pledge	25.05	
Junior Pledge	18.96	
Total Pledge		$328.11
Scarritt		21.25
Week of Prayer		33.10
Grand Total		$914.53

This is an increase of $187.85 over amount sent the Treasurer last year. This district is very decidedly improved in many respects. We had a splendid District Meeting in October; all phases of the work were presented. Miss Gatewood, deaconess of Shreveport, was with us. Our District pledge was raised from $300 to $400, and nearly this amount has already been pledged for 1917 by less than half of our Auxiliaries. Our people are a splendid people, and when the needs of the work are presented I am sure they will respond.

We ask your prayers, that the work go forward rapidly.

Mrs. JOHN C. CALHOUN,
District Secretary.

Rayville, February 26, 1917.

Adult Auxiliaries, 13; increase, 2.
Young People Societies, 3; increase, none.
Junior Auxiliary, 13; increase, 4.
Total number auxiliaries, 29; total increase, 6.

Membership.

Adult Auxiliaries, 334; decrease, 4.
Y. P. Societies, 56; decrease, 5.
Junior Societies, 326; increase, 65.
Total new membership, 716.
Total on Baby Roll, 7; increase, 1.

Missionary Voice	126
Young Christian Worker	90
Christian Stewardship	7
Mission Study Classes	3
Number observing Week of Prayer (Auxiliaries)	11

Financial Report.

Dues—	
Adult Auxiliaries	$678.55
Young People	22.65
Juniors	16.78
Total	$717.98
Scarritt Bible and Training School, total	13.00
Special to China, total	3.75
Week of Prayer—	
Adult	$ 60.00
Y. P.	2.00
Juniors	8.25
Total	$70.25

Junior Honor Roll, 3—St. Mark's Hall, Carrollton Avenue, and Parker Memorial.

Scholarship—	
Rayne Memorial	$ 40.00
Rayne Memorial Y. P.	40.00
Total	$ 80.00

Bible Women—

Rayne Memorial Adult	$ 60.00
Carrollton Adult	60.00
Total	$120.00

Pledge—

Adult Auxiliary	$601.00
Young People	15.65
Juniors	61.14
Baby Division	2.17
Total	$679.96
1915	613.00
Increase	$ 66.96
Amount pledged for 1916	$610.00
Amount paid for 1916	679.96
Amount over paid on pledge	69.96
Amount spent on local work	$1119.22

City Mission Work—

Amount raised from local sources	$2748.97
Amount raised for building fund	2762.06
Total for local work	$6630.25

Mrs. I. N. NIEBERGALL,
District Secretary.

REPORT OF RUSTON DISTRICT.

Number of Adult Auxiliaries, 14; number of new Adult Auxiliaries, 4; number of Adult members, 316; increase, 40.

Number of Young People's Auxiliaries, 4; number of new Young People's Auxiliaries, 1; number of members, Young People, 49.

Number of Junior Auxiliaries, 4; number of members of Junior Auxiliaries, 202; number of Baby Divisions, 3; number of members, Baby Division, 35.

Total number of members, 584.

Number of subscribers to Missionary Voice, 115; increase, 13.

Number of subscribers to Young Christian Worker, 169; increase, 136.

Number auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer, 9.

Number Mission Study Classes, 10; number in Mission Study classes, 215.

Number Auxiliaries on Honor Roll, 2.

Number of boxes of supplies reported, 2.

Specials—1 scholarship.

FINANCIAL.

Dues	$680.27	
Pledge	621.92	
Scarritt fund	12.10	
Week of Prayer	59.82	
Collection, District Meeting	3.60	
Scholarship	40.00	
Total cash		$1417.71
Expended locally		456.71
Grand total		$1874.42
Amount pledged for 1916		$550.00
Amount paid		621.92

MRS. JOE R. MILLER,
District Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Let us begin by telling the bad news first: There are nine charges in the Shreveport District with no missionary societies; there are thirty-nine organized Methodist Churches in the district with no missionary societies. Out of the thirty-eight societies in the Shreveport District, only two are on the Honor Roll.

The Secretary's books will show a gain this year of seven Adult, eight Young People's, and four Junior Societies—but, alas, the Secretary's books do not always speak that which is true. While some of the auxiliaries are doing splendid and thorough work, there are others which are weak and need the help of their older sisters, and it grieves me to say that at least one Adult, two Young People, and two Junior Societies have lost heart and dropped out of the ranks; so we have a net gain of six Adult, five Young People, and two Junior Societies.

There are thirty-eight auxiliaries in the District; twenty-six

of these contributed to the pledge this year (fourteen more than contributed last year), there being only one old—that is, organized before 1916—Adult auxiliary that did not pay to the pledge this year.

Two missionaries, three scholarships, one Bible woman, and one day school are supported in this district.

Our Conference is divided into seven districts, several of which have larger church memberships than the Shreveport District, but the Shreveport District paid more than 40 per cent of the entire Conference pledge this year.

MRS. BEN JOHNSON,
District Secretary.

REPORT OF CITY MISSION BOARD, NEW ORLEANS, LA., 1916.

Receipts—		
1916.		
Jan. 1, Balance		$ 8.87
Dec. 31, total receipts for year—		
From Regular Pledges	$ 938.25	
From Extra Pledges	148.00	
From St. Mark's Hall	895.59	
From other Sources	640.02	
For Help of Needy	127.11	
From Local Sources		$2748.97
From Council	4100.00	
From 10 per cent app. on Money Raised Locally—	190.14	
From Connectional Sources		$4290.14
Total Receipts for Building Fund (1916)		2762.06
		$9810.04
Expenditures—		
Dec. 31, Expenditures for Year—		
For Mary Werlein Mission	$ 830.84	
For Salaries Mary Werlein Mission	590.00	
Total for Mary Werlein Mission		$1420.84
For St. Mark's	$2664.99	

For Salaries St. Mark's	2150.00	
Total for St. Mark's		$4814.99
Miscellaneous Expenses		206.95
Total Expenditures for Building Fund		2837.22
		$9280.00
Dec. 31, Balance		530.04
		$9810.04

MRS. D. B. CARRE, Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT ST. MARK'S HALL, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Character of community: Foreign born, largely Italian; population of the community you serve, 30,000; number of homes reached during the year, 1206; number of workers appointed by Council, 3; number of other workers employed by City Board, 1; number of volunteer workers, 38.

Children in kindergarten, 25.

Number of industrial classes, 10; number enrolled, 190.

Number of Boys' Clubs, 2; number enrolled, 150.

Number of Girls' Clubs, 2; number enrolled, 60.

Number Mothers' Clubs, 1; number enrolled, 32.

Number story hours, 30; average attendance, 85; average attendance on playground, 14; number availing themselves of free bath, 560; number of entertainments, 10; number of entertainments given by community, 10; number of patients treated in clinic, 3448; number of Sabbath school scholars, 166; number of visits received, 3081; number of visits made, 4070; number of meetings addressed, 35; garments given, 212; value of other distributions, $50.

Current expenses, $4814.89.

The new departments enterprised this year are: Domestic Science, Supply Storeroom, Circulating Library, and Sunday Afternoon Vesper Service for Boy Scouts.

HELEN ORMISTON GIBSON.

MARY WERLEIN MISSION.

By Mrs. Emily Walker-Herr.

Situated in one of the most congested sections of New Orleans, the conditions which surround our Mission are appalling. The old houses are disease breeders, and stories of conditions narrated by missionaries in foreign lands can be told of many of the homes of this section. Physical conditions are not the worst of the story: The ignorance and superstition of the people concerning Divine things are almost past belief save to one who goes among them every day.

The work done is both preventive and rescue. The Mission averages feeding 100 men a month and clothes many. Free reading rooms and free baths are furnished, these being the only free baths where men can go in the city. The average number using baths is 600 a month.

Besides this work among the "down-and-out men," your missionary is giving her life to social and evangelical work in the homes of this tenement district. In these fields of social endeavor we are helping in a progress of prevention—prevention of disease, of poverty, of sin—thus contributing to the character, efficiency and civic development of our community.

Our aim is not merely to help "tide people over to-day" or to-morrow, but to work to the end of permanent relief—self-help. We want to know that Mary Werlein Mission has added her quoto to the permanent literature and missionary history of New Orleans.

To these people who have had religion presented to them in every form of fanaticism, we are prayerfully endeavoring to give within the mission center a daily example of Christian living. We need your prayers. (Abridged.)

REPORT OF FRENCH MISSION, HOUMA.

We have labored under difficulties this year, because of the many changes in the work. This report will show an increase over the work of last year.

Visits, 630; visits to the sick, 89; visits received, 93; services attended, 215; services conducted, 75; prayers in the home, 82; times Bible read in the homes, 57.

Much relief work has been given out, such as clothing, food, fuel, school supplies, medicine to the value of $18.90.

We have enjoyed many blessings to lead us on to greater activity for our King. KATIE WALKER, Deaconess.

IN MEMORIAM

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

Mrs. HENRY STAFFORD ..... Alexandria
Mrs. H. L. SMITH ..... Natchitoches
Mrs. EMMA TRICHEL ..... Natchitoches
Mrs. J. D. McCONNELL ..... Hammond
Mrs. S. B. JONES ..... Baton Rouge
Mrs. D. W. FOSTER ..... Opelousas
Mrs. L. G. JOHNSTON ..... Monroe
Mrs. M. L. LANGFORD ..... Monroe
Mrs. W. L. CALHOUN ..... Rayville
Mrs. M. E. DAVID ..... New Orleans
Mrs. FELGER ..... New Orleans
Mrs. M. C. SADLER ..... Slidell
Mrs. R. A. BAKER ..... Plattenville
Mrs. LIZZIE GREEN ..... Ruston
Mrs. HARRY McKENZIE ..... Homer
Mrs. WILL JOHNSON ..... Shreveport
Mrs. SUSIE ANDREOLA ..... Shreveport
Miss PAULINE SHEPPARD ..... Mansfield

"They rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

EXTENSION OF WORK.

With our 1916 two-year goal before us, that of winning the unorganized charges of the Conference, we your Committee on Extension of Work, recommend:

1. That in order to successfully continue the campaign work, we endeavor to put into the field a Conference organizer.

2. That our goal for each district for 1917 cover 7 points; and that in each of our 7 districts we shall (1) organize 7 new and complete organizations; (2) win 100 new members; (3) form 7 new Mission or Bible Study Classes; (4) send 7 boxes; (5) have 75 per cent of auxiliaries observe Week of Prayer; (6) pay Pledge in full by Harvest Day; (7) do definite Social Service Work.

3. That the campaign be pushed through the three months of the spring and three of the Fall, March to May, and October to December.

4. That Quarterly Conference Bulletins giving campaign progress and items of interest be sent to each Auxiliary by Superintendent of Publicity in connection with the Council Bulletins.

5. Realizing a need for organizing Missionary Societies in unorganized territory, we recommend that a Missionary program be given once a quarter by the Auxiliary at a near-by place and that an organization be effected if possible. If not, we recommend that this program be given anyway.

6. That where there are as many as three interested women, we try to effect an organization.

7. That all Auxiliaries hold a special service December 1, using the program prepared by the Harvest Day Committee for that day.

8. That all Auxiliaries strive to reach the Standard of Excellence for the Roll of Honor and that each member be supplied with Standard of Excellence in leaflet form, and that an enlarged copy be kept before the Society. We recommend also that the Recording Secretary keep an accurate account of points gained

at each meeting, total for the year to equal 75 points, in order to put the Auxiliary on the Honor Roll.

9. That a public service shall be held by each Auxiliary when the apportunity and needs of Scarritt Bible and Training School shall be presented, a call made for volunteers and an offering taken for Scarritt Loan Fund.

Mrs. A. P. HOLT, Chairman.
Mrs. W. M. BUCHANAN, Secretary.

PUBLICITY.

We recommend:

1. That each Auxiliary in Louisiana be urged to elect a live, wide-awake, capable woman as Superintendent of Publicity, and that this office be magnified.

2. Recognizing the value we receive from Mission Study, we urge that each Auxiliary organize a Mission Study class either in circles or as a Society, as each Society knows its own need.

3. That, where Bible Study Classes cannot be organized, pledge cards be signed to pledge themselves to systematically study their Bible each day.

4. We urge a wider use of our local papers.

5. In small towns having no papers, poster advertising the meetings be placed in some center of intercourse, as for instance, the postoffice.

6. That the Publicity Superintendents do not read the Bulletin but present it by posters, charts, and other devices that make their appeal to the eye as well as the ear, and that each Society use the bulletin.

7. That a poster with a complete list of the State officers and addresses be made and placed before every Auxiliary, and that the Publicity Superintendent call attention to it before the quarterly reports are sent off.

8 That each Superintendent urge every member to take the Missionary Voice and the New Orleans Christian Advocate, and other Church papers.

9. That the subject of Study and Publicity be presented at each District Conference and that each Auxiliary begin now a

collection of posters and that they be sent to the District meeting, and

10 That all Auxiliary Superintendents of Study and Publicity apply to the State Superintendent of Study and Publicity for a year-book and helps for Missionary Societies and all literature setting forth her duties.

Miss GRACE GATEWOOD, Chairman.

SOCIAL SERVICE.

We recommend:

1. Co-operation with all agencies in one's own community that stand for social and civic betterment.

2. That we seek to secure observance of the Fourth Commandment regarding the Sabbath Day, and earnestly request the influence of our Christian people in the enforcement of its observance

3. We urge that the Auxiliary Superintendent of Social Service and her committees keep in close touch with the Pastor concerning any movement tending to be a hindrance to the progress of the Kingdom of God, and aid him in every way posible to better community conditions.

4. Believing that many moving pictures are harmful and degrading in their influence, especially upon our young people, we recommend a local censorship committee to create public sentiment and public authority against them.

5. That we learn the needs of the colored people, and, by sympathy and help, strive to create higher ideals and better living conditions among them through the organization of Colored Women's Community Clubs.

6. That we use our influence to the utmost against street carnivals and immoral shows, and discourage with all our power the opening of these shows on the Lord's Day.

7. That, as the curse of the liquor traffic is the greatest evil in our country to-day, we endorse every agency for its downfall, and urge every member of the Woman's Missionary Society to use her influence for national prohibition; and

8. That we have a Conference Committee on Legislation

whose duty shall be to influence legislation, and a sub-committee in each auxiliary to study local laws and report to Conference committee.

MRS. E. R. KENNEDY, Chairman.

(The following were appointed on the Committee on Legislation by the President, in obedience to the above: Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Mrs. John B. Parker, Mrs. E. W. Herr, Miss Grace Gatewood, Mrs. W. D. Haas.)

SUPPLIES.

Realizing that the work is often hindered by lack of equipment and that the needs of our institutional homes are similar to the needs of our own homes, we recommend:

1. That the Presidents of the various auxiliaries call especial attention to the good that may be accomplished through this department of the work.

2. That each Auxiliary shall endeavor to send, at least, one box of supplies either to one of our institutions or to our French Mission; and, in order to avoid overlapping, we suggest that our donations be apportioned by Districts as follows:

New Orleans and Shreveport, St. Marks; Baton Rouge and Lafayette, Mary Werlein; Ruston, Monroe and Alexandria, Scarritt Training School, French Mission.

3. That our Auxiliaries lay on their hearts the need of these Missions when replenishing their own households, and when preserving the fruits which our Father bountifully gives, us to tithe with these missions.

Mrs. C. B. CARTER, Craiman.

FINANCE.

We recommend:

1. That, in addition to the regular dues of 20 cents per month, each member be taxed 5 cents per month to provide a Conference expense, Retirement, and Relief Fund.

2. That each Auxiliary pay $4 for the Scarritt Loan Fund.

3. That the first meeting in January be observed by all Aux-

iliaries as Pledge Day, and that pledge cards be placed in the hands of every member.

4. That the solicitation of pledges be continued until each member has made response.

5. That the envelope system be used for offerings.

6. That Auxiliary Treasurers procure record books.

7. That we instruct our representatives to the Council to make a pledge for their Conference of $5450.

8. We suggest that Auxiliaries adopt the budget plan of collecting offerings, and

9. That, as a Conference, we make our budget for 1917, $15,000.

Mrs. J. J. HOLMES, Chairman.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Realizing that the future success of the missionary work depends upon the present preparation and training of our young people, therefore, we recommend:

1. That the responsibility of organizing the young people be placed upon the adult First Vice President, and urge the election of a woman who is especially gifted in leading young people.

2. That an enlarged poster of the "Standard of Excellence" be made and kept before the young people at each meeting; that each member be provided with a copy of same, and that the Recording Secretary keep an accurate account of points gained at each meeting, all striving to make the total for the year equal 91 points, in order to put the Society on the Honor Roll.

3. That the young people be taught to lead in prayer at each meeting. If they are timid at first, have the prayer written, and each member repeat it sentence by sentence with the leader until they have gained confidence in making their petitions to Him.

4. That our goal for 1917 be: 38 Consecrated First Vice Presidents; 38 Young Peoples' Missionary Society; 600 members: 25 Mission Study Classes; 16 on Honor Roll; 25 observing Week of Prayer; 38 Prayer Circles; 3 volunteers, and 200 pledge.

5. That we make a special effort to enlist the boys and young men from 14 to 21 as members of our Y. P. M. S.

6. That we remember in daily prayer our volunteers at Scar-

ritt and pray daily for volunteers from your own Society.

7. That we urge the Young People to subscribe for the "Missionary Voice" or "Young Christian Worker."

8. That each Auxiliary put more stress on Bible Study—Item 2 of our "Standard of Excellence."

9. That we encourage the Young Yeople to make charts and posters—thus illustrating their program at each meeting.

10. That we have an enlarged poster kept before the Auxiliary showing their Special for the year—Japanese work.

11. That we adopt the campaign plans as we have them given in the report from the "Extension of Work" committee; and

12. That we earnestly ask that the adult societies, under the leadership of the First Vice President, assume the responsibility for the organization and nurture of young peoples' societies and that the work of the young people be remembered continually in prayer by the adult societies.

Mrs. W. T. CUNNINGHAM, Chraiman.
Mrs. R. W. VAUGHAN, Secretary.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE.

		Credits
1.	Each Mission Study Class	10
2.	Each Bible Study Class	10
3.	Prompt and accurate quarterly reports	10
4.	One delegate to Annual Conference Meeting	10
5.	Two delegates to District Meeting	10
6.	Each new member	1

FINANCE.

Membership offering paid for every member	20
Contribution to Council Pledge	10
Retirement and Relief Fund paid	10
Conference Expense Fund paid	10

An auxiliary must have a total of at least 91 credits in order to be given a place on the Roll of Honor. Each auxiliary attaining this standard by the end of 1916 will be awarded a ribbon bearing the words "Roll of Honor, 1916."

CHILDREN'S WORK.

We recommend:

1. That we accept the Year Book, from the exquisite cover to the last page, as a real helper, furnishing such splendid material, and guidance for uniform and unfailing program work for the year.

2. That we especially take note of the suggestion that a scrapbook, called "Our Specials," be made with Soochow, Holding Institute, Mines, and Kindergarten work as subject matter, with a cover design to add to the attractiveness and dignity of such a scrap-book. We suggest that this be done at this season of the year, and that during the fall months, when our attention is turned to our home land for study, that a scrap-book of our home life, customs, and holidays (Thanksgiving and Christmas) be made and sent, as the books were this year, to China.

3. That wherever possible, Mother's Clubs be formed, and interesting information be given on the Children's work and "The Specials" for which our children are enlisted, in fact, using every worthy method to educate the mothers along with the children in the great fundamentals of the child's part in financing the Kingdom of God.

4. That we give the Missionary Catechism a cordial welcome, and place it in the hands of the children, mothers, and Sunday school teachers, and that it be used as a text book throughout the year (Price 5 cents.)

5. That we insist upon giving the Pledge Card a fair trial; that the mothers and children prayerfully make this pledge together; that we set, as our share in the Council Pledge of $30,000 for Children's work, $500.

6. That we keep continually before us the goal—a Children's Society in every Church—(Junior and Baby Division). A Young Christian Worker in every home. With this before us, enter into the campaign, which shall be projected by this Conference for membership, subscribers to The Young Christian Worker, and Mission Study in October.

7. That the Standard of Excellence be kept before the children, and that Executive Committee meetings be held quarterly,

at which time the young officers be instructed with regard to their work and programs discussed.

8. That the Children have representatives at the Annual Meeting and District meetings, the Auxiliary Second Vice Pres-President being this representative, and

9. That the Adult Auxiliaries show interest in the Children's work by frequently visiting their meetings, and at the regular monthly meeting a prayer be offered for the children of the Church.

STANDING RULES FOR JUNIOR SOCIETIES.

1. That a Children's Missionary Society be organized in every Church in our Conference if possible.

2. That a strong effort be made to place the Young Christian Worker in the homes of all the children of the Church.

3. That one day of the Week of Prayer be given to the children, and a special program be prepared for them.

4. That at each District and Annual Meeting, an hour be given to the work of the Children's Department, and

5. That the children be kept in touch with the Specials assigned them by the Council.

Mrs. R. H. HARPER, Chairman.

Standard of Excellence.

Junior Division—	Credits.
Each new member	1
Average attendance at each meeting of one-half the membership	10
Regular monthly offering	20
Contribution to Council pledge	20
Each mission study class	20
One subscriber to Young Christian Worker for every three members	10
Week of Prayer observed	10
Promotion exercises from the Baby Division to the Junior Division	5

(Any auxiliary making seventy-five points is entitled to a place on the Honor Roll and will receive a Certificate of Honor.)

RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, at the conclusion of the 7th Annual Meeting in Crowley, La., beg to submit the following:

1. That throughout this session we have realized and appreciated the cordial hospitality of the citizens of Crowley, who have, without regard for denominational lines, entertained us so royally. We wish especially to thank the friends for the use of cars in taking us for a delightful ride, showing us the places of interest in their city.

2. We have been greatly aided by the valued services of Rev. R. W Tucker; our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. P. Holt; and District Secretary, Mrs. Buchanan; who have left nothing undone for the success of the gathering. Especially do we wish to express our appreciation of the music rendered by the choir.

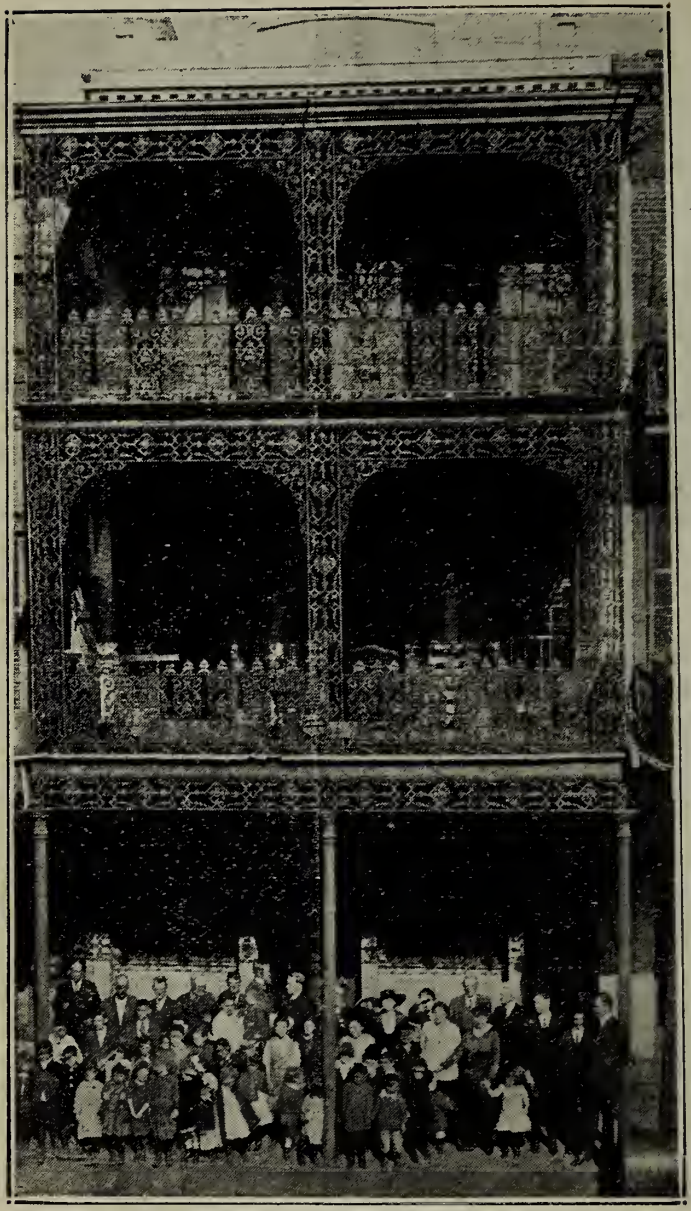
3. That we extend grateful acknowledgement of the messages of our Conference guests: Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Miss Janie Watkins, Mr. J. A. Stockwell, Deaconess Helen Gibson, Deaconess Kate Walker, Deaconess Grace Gatewood, Rev. N. E. Joyner, Mrs. E. W. Herr, Deaconess Mary Dezendorf, and Rev. Martin Hebert.

4. That we thank the Daily Signal of Crowley for the liberal space given to our meetings and proceedings.

MISS GATEWOOD.
MRS. GOODALE,
MRS. H. N. BROWN.

The French Mission, Houma, La.

St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, La.



Mary Werlein Mission, New Orleans, La.

SPECIALS SUPPORTED BY LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

DAY SCHOOLS.

Name.	Date Taken.	Place.	Supported By
1—Mary Virginia Nabors	1913	Wusih School, Soochow, China	Mrs. E. A. Nabors, Mansfield, La.
2—Cox-Lyon	1194	Sunkiang, China	Mrs. Anna Cox-Lyon, Meeker

BIBLE WOMEN.

1—Nannie Battle	1899	Davidson Mem. School, Soochow, China.	First Church, Shreveport
2—Dorothy Wilmot	1901	Laura Haygood School, Soochow, China.	Mrs. R. W. Wilmot, New Orleans
3—Amelia McCutcheon	1907	Songdo, Korea	Mrs. J. C. Foster, Shreveport
4—Priscilla Bentley	1908	Alice Cobb Bible School, Wonsan, Korea.	Carrollton Ave. Aux., New Orleans
5—Hattie Haas	1912	Pyang-Kong Circuit, Seoul, Korea	Mrs. W. D. Haas, Alexandria
6—Emma Owen	1193	Huchow, China	Owen S. S. Class, Alexandria, La.

STATION PLAN.

3 Shares	1913	Alice Cobb Bible Woman's School, Wonsan, Korea	Mrs. I. G. Gayden, Gurley, La.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

1—Lee Dicks	1899	Holston Ins., Songdo, Korea	Rayne Mem. Y. P. Aux., New Orleans, La.
2—Marguerite Crain	1899	Virginia School, Huchow, China	First Church Aux., Shreveport
3—Belle O'Pry	1905	Mary Keener Ins., Mexico City	Rayne Mem. Aux., New Orleans
4—Bettie Martin	1906	Holston Ins., Songdo, Korea	Mrs. N. R. Grigsby, Minden
5—Robbie Foster	1907	Piraciaba, Brazil	Mrs. Paul Foster, Opelousas
6—Sara Burton	1908	Piraciaba, Brazil	Crowley Aux.
7—Maccie Haas	1912	Choon Chun, Korea	Mrs. Roy Harrison, Bunkie
8—Francis Howell	1913	Ribeirao Preto, Brazil	Greenwood Aux.
9—Anna Trosper	1913	Holston Ins., Songdo, Korea	Greenwood Jun. Aux.

STUDENTS AT SCARRITT.

1916-17	Miss Pauline Randle	Harrisonburg, La.

STUDENT AT ATHENS COLLEGE, ATHENS, ALA.

1916-17	Miss Clara Chalmers	New Orleans

LOUISIANA MISSIONARIES AND DEACONESSES IN ACTIVE SERVICE.

Appointment.		Home Address.	Field.	Field Address.
1901	Miss Helen Johnston	Opelousas, La.	Brazil	Collegio Methodista, Ribeirao Preto, Brazil
1908	Mrs. Nellie O'Beirne	Zwolle, La.	Mexico	Apartado 103, Durango, Mexico

ST. MARK'S HALL, NEW ORLEANS.

1908	Deaconess Helen Gibson, Head Resident	Kentucky	Louisiana	908 Esplanade Ave., St. Mark's Hall, N. O.
1912	Deaconess Eliza Iles	Dry Creek, La.	Louisiana	908 Esplanade Ave., St. Mark's Hall, N. O.
1907	Miss Kathron Wilson, nurse	Henrietta, Texas	Louisiana	908 Esplanade Ave., St. Mark's Hall, N. O.
1910	Miss Maria W. Capers, Kindergartner	Charleston, S. C.	Louisiana	908 Esplanade Ave., St. Mark's Hall, N. O.

MARY WERLEIN MISSION.

Mrs. E. W. Herr	New Orleans, La.	Louisiana	Tchoupitoulas St., Mary Werlein Mission

FRENCH MISSION FIELD.

1914	Deaconess Kate Walker	San Angelo, Texas	Louisiana	Houma, La.
1915	Deaconess Grace Gatewood, Pastor's Assistant	Myra, Texas	Louisiana	First Church, Shreveport

IN SERVICE IN OTHER STATES.

1910	Deaconess Mary Daniel	Opelousas, La.	Mississippi	Y. W. Co-operative Home, Corinth, Miss.

NOT NOW IN ACTIVE SERVICE.

1889	Miss Sallie M. Phillips	Homer, La.
1904	Miss Ada Parker	New Orleans, La.

The Proposed New St. Mark's Church, New Orleans.

STANDING RULES.

1. Application for all specials shall be made through the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

2. The Conference Treasurer shall notify the Conference Corresponding Secretary when the money is in hand to meet specials, specifying by whom paid.

3. The following items shall have a permanent place in the Conference Minutes:

(a) The address and price of "The Missionary Voice" and "The Young Christian Worker."

(b) The specials supported by the Louisiana Conference W. M. S.

(c) The specials named by the Council for the Young People and Children.

(d) The names and addresses of Conference Students in Scarritt.

(e) The Mission Study Course for adult, young people and children's societies, price and publishers.

(f) The Constitution for adult, young people and children's societies.

(g) A list of the officers and managers of The Woman's Missionary Council.

4. At each Annual and District Meeting, public collections shall be taken for the Conference work.

5. The Conference Treasurer shall advance to the Conference Corresponding Secretary $15.00 per quarter for office expenses.

6. All Auxiliaries shall hold their business meetings the first week of the month.

7. Auxiliaries shall use the Installation Service provided by the Woman's Mssonary Council for Adults and Young People at the first meeting after the election of officers, or in connection with service of installing officers of entire Church.

8. An editor and an associate editor, both living in the same town, shall be appointed by the chair to arrange and print the Conference Minutes.

9. The Conference and Council Minutes shall be used by the Auxiliaries throughout the year. An Institute on the Minutes shall be a part of each District Meeting.

Mrs. A. P. HOLT, Chairman.
Mrs. W. M. BUCHANAN, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Conference Society auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Council.

2. The object of this society is to plan and direct the woman's missionary work of the Conference.

3. The Conference Society shall consist of one or more delegates from each auxiliary, a District Secretary from each district, and the following officers: A President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Superintendents of Study and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies. These officers shall be elected by ballat at the annual session and shall constitute the Executive Committee. The President and the Corresponding Secretary shall be members of the Woman's Missionary Council.

By-Laws for Conference Societies.

1. The Executive Committee shall transact business in the interim of the annual sessions. Five shall constitute a quorum.

2. Conference officers shall be nominated by a committee composed of a representative from each district, who shall be chosen by the district delegation. This shall not debar the parliamentary privilege of nomination from the floor nor the privilege of balloting for any person not nominated.

3. The District Secretaries shall be nominated by a committee composed of the President, the Vice Presidents, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer, and shall be elected by acclamation.

4. Two members of the Executive Committee of the Conference shall be elected at each annual session as alternates to the Woman's Missionary Council.

5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee and shall actively advance the interests of the work. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

6. The Vice Presidents shall perform the duties of the President in her absence.

7. The First Vice President shall have charge of the Young People's work and shall report quarterly to the First Vice Pres-

ident of the Woman's Missionary Council and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

The Second Vice President shall have charge of the children's work and shall report quarterly to the Second Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Council and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

8. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society and supply the auxiliaries with information and with literature if so ordered by the Conference. She shall promote Christian stewardship and shall use all possible means for the organization of Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and shall report each new organization to the Secretary of the Home Base, to whom she shall also make quarterly reports of the work of the Conference by the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society and report the preceding session of the Woman's Missionary Council. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

9. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee and keep the Minutes of the same on record.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Society, keeping an account with each auxiliary and submitting the same annually to an auditor. She shall disburse the Conference expense funds on the written order of the President and the Corresponding Secretary. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society and shall send itemized reports promptly on the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January to the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council, therewith transmitting such funds as are collected for the general treasury. She shall also send an itemized statement to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and to the President.

11. The District Secretaries shall organize Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliaries and use every available means to promote the work of the Woman's Missionary Society in their districts. They shall present a report of their work at the District Conference and shall hold annual meetings in the district and all-day meetings whenever practicable. They shall

conduct the correspondence with auxiliaries and send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and a copy of the same to the President of the Conference Society.

12. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall promote mission study and Bible study and shall disseminate missionary information through the Church and secular press. She shall report quarterly to the Educational Secretary.

13. The Superintendent of Social Service shall stimulate and direct the study and investigation of social questions and shall seek to bring about social reforms. She shall report quarterly to the Council Superintendent of Social Service.

14. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the sending of boxes and needed supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report quarterly to the Council Superintendent of Supplies.

15. Conference Societies shall not project new work nor respond to special calls for aid unless authorized by the Woman's Missionary Council.

16. The membership funds of all auxiliary societies—Adult, Young People's, and Children's—also funds contributed to make life members, honorary life members, and honorary life patrons, are a part of the general fund which cannot be directed by the Conference.

17. A Conference Expense Fund shall be provided by Conference assessment, the basis to be determined by each Conference according to the requirements. In no case shall membership dues or pledge funds be used for Conference expenses.

18. The thank offering during the Week of Prayer shall be applied to some specific object, to be determined each year by the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session.

19. The Conference Society may make such by-laws as the work demands, provided they do not conflict with those made by the Council.

20. The last half-hour of each forenoon during the annual session of the Conference shall be devoted to Bible study.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR ADULT AUXILIARIES.

Constitution.

Any number of women may form an Adult Society auxiliary to the Conference Woman's Missionary Society by adopting the following Constitution and By-Laws and electing the officers herein provided:

1. This Society shall be called the Woman's Missionary Society of the —— Church, auxiliary to —— Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The objects of this auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by enlisting the women, young people, and children in a study of the needs of the world and in active missionary service; by raising funds for the evangleization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions under the care of the Woman's Missionary Council, and for the betterment of civic and social conditions.

3. Any one may become a member of this auxiliary by giving prayer and service and by paying twenty cents per month. Each member shall be asked to make a voluntary offering for the maintenance and extension of the general work. Such funds shall constitute the pledge of the auxiliary. The dues, pledge, and any other undirected funds, shall be prorated by the Council--forty per cent for the home and sixty per cent for the foreign work. Opportunities shall be given for offerings to be directed by individual donors for the support of special work. These special offerings by individuals shall not be prorated.

4. Any one may become a life member of the auxiliary by the payment of twenty-five dollars, an honorary life member by the payment of one hundred dollars, and an honorary life patron by the payment of three hundred dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the auxiliary. Such membership should be

considered as an honor and should not release the holders from the obligations of active membership.

5. Every auxiliary member shall pay towards the Relief and Retirement Fund and the Conference Expense Fund.

6. The auxiliary shall carry on local work, which shall consist of the care of the parsonage and the charity work of the Church. This work may be done through a committee, the funds to be raised as the auxiliary directs.

7. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, and Superintendents of Study and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the auxiliary.

8. The auxiliary shall hold one or more meetings during the month for the transaction of business and for the study of the work. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to the consideration of plans and financial pledges for the new year and to the installation of officers. At the last business meeting of the fiscal year the annual election of officers shall be held.

By-Laws.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the auxiliary and shall actively advance its interests. In her absence one of the Vice Presidents shall assume her duties.

2. The First Vice President shall be responsible for the organization of the Young People's Auxiliary and shall develop and direct its work. She shall send reports when required by the First Vice President of the Conference.

The Second Vice President shall develop and direct the work of the children's auxiliary. She shall send a quarterly report to the Second Vice President of the Conference.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and shall promote Christian stewardship. She shall send to the District Secretary full reports by the first of January, April, July, and October. She shall also send to the District Secretary and Conference Corresponding

Secretary the names and addresses of all newly-elected officers of the auxiliary. She shall send her books to the district meeting for examination.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings and see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all moneys of the auxiliary, keep an account of the same, and make an itemized report monthly to the auxiliary. She shall remit to the Conference Treasurer on the first of January, April, July, and October, giving an itemized statement of the amount, a duplicate of the same to be furnished the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually.

6. The Assistant Treasurer shall have charge of local funds. She shall make a monthly report to the auxiliary, and she shall furnish the Treasurer a quarterly statement to be included in her report. She shall pay out money from the local treasury only upon an order signed by both the President of the auxiliary and the chairman of the local committee.

The auxiliary as a society shall not assume obligation for the assistance or support of outside organizations, such as orphanages, hospitals, travelers' aids, Y. W. C. As., etc.

7. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall be responsible for the organization of mission study and Bible study classes and prayer circles and for the dissemination of missionary information through the Church and secular press. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Study and Publicity.

8. The Superintendent of Social Service shall stimulate and direct the study and investigation of social questions and seek to bring about social reforms. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service.

9. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the sending of boxes and necessary supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report each box sent and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

10. The Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendents shall make written reports at the regular meetings.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S AUXILIARIES.

Constitution.

1. This Auxiliary shall be called the Young People's Society of —— Church, auxiliary to —— Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by enlisting the young people in active missionary service, by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions under the care of the Woman's Missionary Council, and for the betterment of civic and social conditions.

3. Any one between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one may become a member of the auxiliary by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated offering monthly or quarterly. Each member shall be asked to make an offering for the maintenance or extension of such objects of work in the home and foreign fields as are assigned to the young people by the Council. Such funds shall constitute the pledge of the auxiliary.

Membership funds and pledges shall be prorated by the Council Treasurer—forty per cent for the home and sixty per cent for the foreign work.

Each member shall be expected to contribute to the Retirement and Relief Fund and to the Conference Expense Fund.

4. Any one may become a life member of the auxiliary by the payment of fifteen dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the auxiliary.

5. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and the Superintendents of Study and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies.

6. The auxiliary shall hold one or more meetings during the month for the transaction of business and for the study of

the work. At the last meeting of the fiscal year there shall be the annual election of officers. At the following meeting there shall be a full report of the year's work, installation of officers, and consideration of plans for work and financial pledges for the new year.

By-Laws.

1. The President shall preside at the meeting of the auxiliary and shall in every way advance its interests. In the absence of the President one of the Vice Presidents shall preside.

2. The First Vice President shall keep in touch with the First Vice President of the Conference and shall report to her quarterly the full scope of the work.

The Second Vice President shall assist the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary in superintending the Children's Auxiliary.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and shall promote Christian stewardship. She shall report the full scope of the work quarterly to the District Secretary, to whom she shall send the names and addresses of the newly-elected officers.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings and shall see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the auxiliary, keeping a ledger account of the same, and remit to the Conference Treasurer on the first of January, April, July, and October.

6. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall be responsible for the organization of Mission Study and Bible Study classes, for prayer circles, and for the disseminaton of missionary information through the Church and secular press. She shall have charge of subscriptions to the Missionary Voice and The Young Christian Worker. She shall report quarterly on the first day of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Study and Publicity.

7. The Superintendent of Social Service shall have charge of social service studies issued by the Council. She shall cooperate wherever possible in the social service movements of the

Church and community. She shall report quarterly on the first day of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service.

8. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the packing and sending of boxes of supplies to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report each box sent and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR CHILDREN'S AUXILIARIES.

Constitution.

1. This Auxiliary shall be called the Children's Society of —— Church, auxiliary to —— Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of the auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God throughout the world by giving the children of the Church missionary education, training them for Christian service, and by cultivating in them habits of liberal and systematic giving of daily Bible study and prayer.

3. The Children's Auxiliary shall consist of Baby and Junior Divisions, under the direction of the Second Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, whose work shall be correlated with that of the Conference Second Vice President. All membership, mite box, and other undirected funds shall be sent through the Conference Treasurer, to be prorated by the Council on the basis of forty per cent to home and sixty per cent to foreign work.

Baby Division.

1. Any child six years of age or under may become a member of the Baby Division upon the payment of an enrollment fee of twenty-five cents. Each member of the Baby Division shall be given a certificate of membership and shall be furnished with a mite box for voluntary offerings. The mite boxes shall be

opened and their contents sent quarterly by the Treasurer of the Junior Division to the Conference Treasurer. Where there is no Junior Division through which to report, the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary shall send the money of the Baby Division to the Conference Treasurer.

2. Any one may become a life member of the Baby Division of the Children's Auxiliary by the payment of five dollars, provided the money be paid for that specific purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assignd to the Baby Division of the Children's Auxiliary.

3. Names of children may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of ten dollars.

4. Special meeting for the members of the Baby Division shall be arranged by the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxliary, at which time inspirational programs shall be presented.

5. Members of the Baby Division, at the age of six years, shall be promoted to the Junior Division and shall be given certificates of promotion.

6. The Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary shall have charge of the Baby Division.

Junior Division.

1. Any child between the ages of six and fourteen may become a member of the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated monthly offering to missions. Each member of the Junior Division shall be furnished with a mite box for voluntary offerings. Mite boxes shall be opened quarterly, and the contenst, with all other offerings, shall be sent to the Conference Treasurer.

2. Any one may become a life member of the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary by the payment of ten dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been asigned to the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary.

3. Names of children may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of ten dollars.

4. The officers of the Junior Division shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Superintendents of Study and Publicity and of Social Service. These officers, with the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary, shall hold a meeting of the Committee of the Children's Auxiliary.

5. The Junor Division shall meet at least twice a month to transact necessary business and to follow the lines of study arranged by the Woman's Missionary Council, for which programs shall be furnished. At the close of each quarter the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary shall hold a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Junior Division to see that the work of the quarter is correctly and promptly reported to the proper officers. At the last meeting of the fiscal year there shall be the election of officers. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to making plans and financial pledges for the new year's work.

By-Laws.

1. The President shall preside at the meeting of the auxiliary and in every way advance its interests. In the absence of the President one of the Vice Presidents shall preside.

2. The First Vice President shall assist in the work of the Baby Division. The Second Vice President shall be agent for the *Young Christian Worker.*

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and promote Christian stewardship and shall report quarterly to the District Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall send the names and addresses of all newly elected officers to the District Secretary.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and call meetings of the auxiliary and shall see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the auxiliary, keeping a ledger account of the same, and shall remit to the Conference Treasurer quarterly. The Treasurer's books shall be audited annually.

6. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall assist

in organizing and development mission study and Bible study classes and shall send items of missionary news to the *Young Christian Worker* and local papers.

7. The Superintendent of Social Service shall assist in directing the children in carrying out such lines of social service study and activity as are sent out by the Council.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS GOVERNING CITY MISSION WORK.

Inasmuch as the Woman's Missionary Council, Home Department, has need of a standard Constitution for the use of City Mission Boards, we, the Standing Committee on Deaconesses and City Missions, recommend the following Constitution and By-Laws:

CONSTITUTION.

I. COMPOSITION.

1. In all our cities and towns where two or more auxiliaries exist, whether in one or several churches, they shall unite for the promotion of city missions under the title of a Board of City Missions. There shall not be in any city more than one such board. The auxiliaries of a presiding elder's district may also unite to form a District Board of City Missions.

2. A Board of City Missions shall be composed of representatives from each co-operating auxiliary. Each auxiliary shall have at least three representatives. Further representation shall be determined by each City Mission Board. Conference officers residing in the city, the preachers in charge of the churches where the auxiliaries are located, and the presiding elders are advisory members.

II. OFFICERS.

1. The officers of a Board of City Missions shall be a President, one Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, and as many superintendents of departments as the work of the board demands. These officers constitute the Executive Committee of the Board. The election

of officers shall take place at the January meeting of the City Board.

III. DEPARTMENTS.

1. A Board of City Missions shall divide its work into departments, each department to be under the supervision of a superintendent elected annually by the Board.

IV. COMMITTEES.

1. The work of the City Board shall be conducted through department committees, the number of such committees corresponding with the number of departments. The superintendents of the departments shall be chairmen of these committees.

2. These department committees shall consist of at least one member from each co-operating auxiliary. They shall be nominated by the superintendents of departments and elected by the Board in the February monthly meeting.

3. Department Committees meet at the call of the superintendents.

4. Such special committees as are necessary for the conduct of the work may be appointed by the President.

5. The Nominating Committee for officers of the Board of City Missions shall consist of the Presidents of the co-operating auxiliaries.

V. MEETINGS.

1. There shall be one regular monthly meeting of the Board of City Missions.

2. There shall be called meetings of the Board when necessary.

3. There shall be one regular monthly meeting of the Executive Committee.

VI. FINANCES.

1. The co-operating auxiliaries shall make annual pledges for the support of the work of the Board of City Missions, such pledges payable monthly.

2. All Boards of City Missions who expend $60.00 or over each month for current expenses shall secure from the Woman's Missionary Council, Home Department, an appropriation of ten per cent of the amount reported by voucher to the Conference Treasurer as having been so expended the previous year.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and actively advance its interests. In her absence, the Vice President shall preside.

2. The Vice President shall be chairman of a standing committee that shall have the supervision of the building and its premises.

3. The Treasurer shall keep account of all moneys received and expended, making a monthly report to the Board and a quarterly and annual report to the Board and also to the Treasurer of the Conference Home Department.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence, and shall make quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council, Home Department.

5. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board, and shall give notice of all regular and called meetings. She shall keep a record of the work in permanent form.

6. The Executive Committee shall handle all questions relative to the employment or dismissal of workers, submitting their action for approval to the Board in regular or called meetings.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. Each co-operative auxiliary may determine for itself the method of raising funds for the support of the work of the Board.

2. A City Board employing deaconesses or city missionaries shall conform with the regulations of the Woman's Missionary Council relative to the employment of such workers. (See regulations, Council Report.)

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE—ADULT.

	Adult Auxiliaries—	Credits
1.	Each new member	1
2.	Average attendance at each meeting equal to one-half of the membership	5
3.	Dues paid in full and Conference Expense Fund paid by each member	10
4.	Conference pledge paid to date	10
5.	Monthly *Bulletin* presented—program on the monthly topic and prayers for the work and workers once a month	5
6.	Subscribers to the *Missionary Voice* equal to one-half the membership	5
7.	Week of Prayer observed	5
8.	Young People's Societies organized by First Vice President	10
9.	Children organized under Second Vice President:	
	(a) Baby Division	5
	(b) Junior Division	5
10.	Bible study class	5
11.	Mission study	5
12.	All reports mailed to Conference officers by the first day of each quarter	5
13.	Regular work done by Social Service Committee	10
14.	Representation at Annual and District meetings	10

(Any auxiliary whose reports show that it is entitled to 75 credits will be placed on the Honor Roll. Keep this list and send to the District Secretary at the close of the last quarter of the year.)

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